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## TOIL OF THE JUNGLE IN HUMAN LIVES

Nearly 25,000 Persons in India Killed  
in a Year by Wild Animals and Po-  
sonous Snakes.

From the London Times.  
India still pays its annual tribute of human life to the jungle. In fact, the number of deaths from snakebite or the attacks of wild animals has steadily increased during the last three years.

The rising waters have driven the serpents out of the lowlands up into the villages and have diminished through drowning the natural food supply of the larger wild beasts.

In 1905 35 persons were killed by elephants, 25 by hyenas, 100 by bears, 331 by leopards, 315 by wolves, 853 by tigers and 688 by other animals, including wild pigs.

No less than 22,478 died from the bite of poisonous snakes. The grand total of mortality is 24,878.

During the same year 33,000 cattle were also killed by wild beasts and snakes.

The losses on the part of inhabitants of the jungle were nearly but not quite as great as those of their human enemies and domesticated animals combined. Ninety-one thousand one hundred and four snakes and more than 15,000 wild beasts of various kinds were killed.

The Times also reports that a great many cases of snake bites were successfully treated with the Brunton lancet and permanganate of potash, but that it is, nevertheless, impossible to assert the value of this treatment, since no one knows whether all—or even a very large number—of the cases treated were caused by the bites of really venomous snakes.

A British Blue Book has been issued giving statistics of the number of persons killed by wild animals and snakes in British India from 1880 to 1910. According to the summary in the *British Medical Journal* the figures show that the tiger is the animal most destructive to human life; during the last five years of the period it was responsible for 38 per cent. of the total number of deaths caused by wild animals, leopards accounting for 16, wolves for 12 and bears for 4 per cent. Of the total number of persons (2,382) killed by wild animals in the year 1910, the tiger accounted for 882, the leopard for 366 and wolves and bears for 428. Elephants and hyenas, the two other animals distinguished in the returns, were between them responsible for 77 deaths in 1910. Of the 629 deaths attributed to "other animals," 244 are assigned to alligators and crocodiles, 51 to wild pigs, 16 to buffaloes, 24 to wild dogs and 220 to unspecified animals. In 1910 there were 22,478 deaths from snakebite, compared with 21,364 in the previous year, but Bombay was one of the provinces which did not contribute towards the increase, and is in other respects one of the more fortunate parts of India. In Bengal, for ex-

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ample, 1,130 persons were killed in 1910 by wild animals and 7,767 by snakes; but Bombay is, with the exception of the Punjab, at the bottom of the list with 22 deaths by wild animals and 1,247 by snakes. The statistics regarding the number of cattle killed by wild animals are not very perfect, but it is estimated that in the five years ending 1910 the number of animals killed was about 100,000, leopards accounting for 48 per cent. and tigers for 32 per cent.

### 1913 The Ode.

In the class ode, William Roger Burlingame showed a contrast between the "ignorant pride" with which 1913 entered the college gates and the tempered minds with which it leaves.

The two stanzas, which were sung to the tune "Fair Harvard," are:—  
We have entered thy gates at the morning of youth.

In the bellies of ignorant pride,  
We have passed through the portals of infinite truth.

Led by thee, our protector and guide,  
We leave thee this night for the ends of the earth.

And the outermost parts of the sea,  
Where the fume of our deeds and the praise of our worth

Shall belong not to us but to thee.

In the dusk of the twilight threshold of night  
On the eve of tomorrow's unknown,  
Let us linger awhile in the still-burning light  
Of a star that is shining alone.

Fair guide of our hearts in the dawn of our day,  
Quiet here in each season of pain,  
Through the darkness of age, be the light of our way.

Lead us back to our Mother again.

Lightning page 41. 177.

Shirley Pines May 10. 1913

508 measured feet from the Front Door  
straight to board walk & thence  
to street line on Blue Hill Ave.

20 June 1913 abt 202 & my  
present walking paces, which  
appear shorter than if old.

Medfield Rhododendrons p. 101.

Oct 13. 1913 with a Steel Tape  
measured the edge of great circle  
on our Melton Ave = 485 ft  
So that eleven times around that  
circle is 55 feet over one mile

An exceedingly rare and valuable archaeological find is reported from the province of Tauris (Black Sea)

A Scythian from a spot known as King's Great Zinamenka, near Tomb of an ancient burial mound of unusual dimensions. Excavations here resulted in the find at a depth of over sixty feet of a Scythian king's tomb. The bones lay in a porous carved stone sarcophagus, which had been adorned with plates of gold and silver of varying size and weight. No fewer than 246 of these were found. The skeleton is well preserved and surrounded with invaluable specimens of contemporary art. Round the neck was a heavy gold collar adorned with exquisite enamel work. Under the skull lay a bronze helmet of Greek pattern and the full panoply of a warrior—breastplate, thigh and shin pieces, all of Greek workmanship. By the side of the dead monarch lay two swords with hilts and sheaths of wrought gold.

Such a complete find is believed to be unprecedented. The sarcophagus likewise contained nine great silver vases, the inestimable value of which lies in the fact that they bear a series of admirably executed bas-reliefs illustrating the daily life of the ancient Scythians. A large gold salver adorned with figures of birds and fish, and a golden comb of unique workmanship complete the list of articles found. The

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comb is of pure gold and weighs over a pound, and its eighteen teeth are in the form of eighteen distinct little statuettes, also illustrating the scenes of ordinary Scythian life. The intrinsic value of this find must be considerable, but its value for the purposes of archaeological research is beyond estimation.

Rattlesnake L. 124.

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shall contain 106 pounds, the barrel of potatoes 135 pounds, and the barrel of sweet potatoes 150 pounds.

The standard barrel for cranberries shall measure not less than 25 1/4 inches between the heads, inside; the diameter of the head shall be not less than 16 1/4 inches, including the beveled rim; the outside bulge circumference shall measure not less than 58 1/2 inches.

It shall be lawful to use for the sale and delivery of cranberries packages containing one, two or four pounds of cranberries net weight; provided that said net weight is plainly stamped on the top or side of each package.

It shall be unlawful to sell, or to offer or expose for sale articles of food which have been held in cold storage without notifying persons purchasing the same that they have been kept so by the display of a sign marked, "Cold storage goods sold here," and it shall be unlawful to represent or advertise as fresh goods articles of food which have been held in cold storage.

The bushel of wheat shall contain 60 pounds; of potatoes, 60 pounds; of apples, 45 pounds; of sweet potatoes, 54 pounds; of unshelled green peas, 28 pounds.



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Whoever gives or attempts to give false or insufficient weight or measure shall for a first offense be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, for a second offense by a fine of not more than \$200, and for a subsequent offense by a fine of \$50 and by imprisonment for not less than 30 nor more than 90 days. The barrel of flour, measured by weight,

McAdoo Tells Representatives of Federal Reserve Banks That They  
BANKS MAY OPEN NOVEMBER 16.  
were discussed, but no action was taken.  
with the Dominican and Panama republics

Pedometer  
from London  
by J.K.  
page 146.

15 Jan 1912 Told Hoyd  
over telephone I would give  
up to 2.50 for Plate 2  
Eatons Ferns, wh. I lack

Thoreau House \$178.

Bank seeded down \$179.

LAKE SUPERIOR FROZEN OVER.  
Calumet, Mich., Feb. 8.—Lake Superior,  
for the first time in many years, is frozen  
over from Eagle River to Isle Royale, a  
distance of 40 miles, and residents of Eagle  
River believe that the ice field extends  
clear across the big lake. 1912.  
Keweenaw point people report that moose  
have been seen in the Keweenaw wilds  
during the last few days and if this is so  
the animals must have crossed on the ice  
from Canada, as there have been no moose  
on Keweenaw point for many years.

Lightning p. 177.

For Smudials

"Il est toujours l'heure de faire le bien"  
Moreau de Saint Méry - Nation July 18. 1912

ΠΑΥ Δ'ΕΤΙ ΤΕΡΡΑ ΧΩΜΕΝ Αεσχ Αγαμ 781.  
"σε Δικα"

"Solem certissima signa sequuntur."  
Vergil Geo. I. 439

"Solem quis dicere falsum audeat?"  
Vergil Geo. I. 463.

"Magnaque cum parvis simili percurrere curra"  
Mamilius

Sheffield (Conn) Elms TC p 26.

Swedish Tree Borer p 154.  
acer Negundo p. 14: on Lincoln St Waltham  
Wrentham Oaks p 163 -

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Feb 11 Sent me Tok Duck

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,  
JAMAICA PLAIN,  
MASS.12 May 1913Measurements of White Pines  
at 63 ft. C. E. F.

Rindge .	Bull Pine	11-6
"	Forest	11-2 1/2
Shirley		11-5
Baxford		11-1
Theod. Parker Lexington		10-10 1/2
New Habyans, N. H.		10-9
Log at Moorilouke		11-9
Petersham		10-2
Wayland		9-5
Cabots, Brookline		9

fr C. E. Faxon



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Feb. 16. Sent my Feb Quercus  
imbricaria Rhodora to

Ezra Brainerd  
Annie Koneuz  
J. F. Collins  
Walter Deane  
Walter Faxon  
C. L. Sargent  
Louise Kennedy  
William Brewster  
Roger Wolcott

#### WHEN IT RAINS ONE INCH

Very few persons—even those who are well informed on most matters—know how much an inch of rain is.

The average man or woman probably has an idea that an inch is a mere trifle, on nature's part. This is entirely wrong. In reality it is a good big rainfall—more than falls in most places in an average week.

A rainfall of one inch means literally that the amount of water descending in a particular shower would cover the surrounding territory to a depth of one inch, providing it did not run away or soak into the ground.

An inch of rain coming down on a single acre of land would fill more than six hundred barrels of forty-five gallons capacity each. This amount of water would weigh more than 110 tons, or nearly a quarter of a million pounds. [Pearson's

2 1912

20 Mch

C.E.T. & W.T. lunched here today  
in pm we walked down the  
Kernerway road & thro to  
the corner of Hillside St &  
thence home thro the Reservoir  
by Med Cat Notch. Saw  
one Song sparrow. W.T.  
has not yet seen a Blue Bird  
& C.E.T. only one. Fine  
but windy afternoon

1 April

after a long cold delaying sort  
of a winter C.E.T. and W.T. & I  
inaugurated our outdoor  
walks for this summer. We  
went to Lexington & walked our  
Blue Bird walk of last year  
by the Peacock Farm and the  
Belmont Spring Golf course  
to Beaver Brook & the Waverly  
Oaks and home by Electric  
to Harvard Sq & then to Park  
St church by the new 8 minute  
tunnel, new to C.E.T. & me.

The day was cold & windy, we  
saw a few blue birds but nothing  
else, unless I mention a tree that  
puzzled C.E.T. but at last he made  
it out as *Rhamnus cathartica*, a

poor old veteran hard to recognize  
as a familiar friend.

3 Apr Day cold windy & occasional gusts  
of snow. I walked in Blue Hill  
region by the Brock & Edith  
cascades, but saw no moss in  
fruit except three specimens of  
*Psidium* *aplylla* which I  
have pressed as a remembrance  
of old times.

8 Apr. dismally cold windy day. Ther  
from  $32^{\circ}$  to  $38^{\circ}$  — C.E.F. & W.F.  
had planned a Purgatory Trip  
for today, but only C.E.F. came  
by the 9:35 train. We sat by  
the fire till lunch time and  
at 3 o'clock started out for  
a walk: by Chestnut Run to  
Crossman Pines & then by Cross-  
man Lane to Canton Ave & to  
the white post at Dr. Thomas'  
house where he took car home  
at 5:30 —

Mr Ketch died yesterday morning.

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12 April with C. E. F. & W. F. to Purgatory  
via Ellis Station, but first visited  
the *Pinus resinosa* Knowlton  
discovered in an old pasture  
East of the RR and highway  
at the Highway bridge 1 mile  
South of Ellis Station. It is  
a fine tree abt 35 feet high  
+ no more likely to have been  
planted by man than my  
*Quercus imbricaria*. We  
came back by the Highway to  
Everett St + then to Purgatory  
by first road to right. We  
lunched near but not at  
the Big Ferry and on going  
down to it found in covered  
with *Larrea* wh. my class  
showed to be *L. minor* and  
found it was flowering. Something  
I have long but unsuccessfully  
sought. So I took some home  
for the Herbarium. There we  
explored the little wet runs  
for *Petasites* but found only  
a group of three or four *Caltha*  
were in full flower. We  
came by a new road said to  
be built by Mr Codman to the



two ponds & at the one nearer  
 Everett St in a fine Hemlock  
 grove on the steep bank of the  
 pond was a new Hawk's nest.  
 We came thence by Dedham  
 road to Canton seven and  
 a half miles in all by pedometer  
 & took 4.20 car by Electric Home  
 C.E. 7 & W. 7 kept on to Boston

### Kendrick Bridge

16 Apr met C.E. 7 & W. 7 at Forest Hill Station.  
 Through Arboretum, noting  
 the *Hepatica* in flower on the  
 gravelly ridges & then to Centr St  
 & to Weld St and turned  
 into Church St & south in  
 the horsepasture fields to  
 rocky & wet woods beyond  
 where many years ago were  
 found *Viburnum alnifolia* &  
*Epegea* but we saw nothing  
 of them so much cutting and  
 clearing have been done.  
 Then back to Weld St & on to  
 Kendrick Bridge past the  
 Mt Benedict Cemetery. Had  
 our lunch by the roadside.

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and rested at the Bridge,  
thence to the Needham Heights  
station & by train at 4.03  
to Boston via West Roxbury.  
very little has started  
the season now seems like  
a flock of pine siskins at  
the Bridge. Day very fine  
& warm. Ther 73° at 5 P.M.  
at three different places saw  
the white bellied swallow, the  
first of this year.

23 Apr. Heavy wind & cold all day.  
I m walked thro Reservation  
to Boobie Pond & home by  
Hillside St. sat down at  
one warm spot. where the  
sun shone & wind was absent.  
For that moment the day was good.

24 April to Beaford with C & F. there met  
W. T. at RR station & we called  
on Charles Jenks, staid an  
hour in his library & wild garden  
with its Hepatica bloodroot  
Dicentra, & other things in bloom.  
We walked thence to Concord  
by the Davis Road & when we

reached the Electric Line Jones  
 took car home & we walked  
 to Concord & drove with W. F.  
 at the Colonial Inn where he  
 has taken a room for a few  
 weeks. Then we called on  
 Annie & she was glad to meet  
 my friends. Walked to the  
 Fitchburg Station & took train  
 at 4.12. Perimeter 8 on  
 Big Black Oak on Bedford Road  
 sidewalk by Sleepy Hollow  
 cemetery measured 18 feet  
 one inch at 3 ft fr. base

29 Apr By 8.54 train to Concord with E. Faxon.  
 W. F. met us at station & thence  
 by Thoreau-Walden St. to the  
 woods by Walden Pond &  
 to the Thoreau Cairn: then  
 by the shore eastwards round  
 the Pond to the Fitchburg RR.  
 the pond is at a very low  
 stage of water, perhaps as  
 low as it ever is & we talked  
 of the siphon underground  
 into Concord River which  
 must be working now.

finding one *Nola lanceolata* &  
 one *Goniatula* I took them  
 for souvenirs & specimens of the  
 pond shore & the lake spring.  
 Thence we went meekly  
 towards Fairhaven Bay &  
 came out under ledges  
 of the hill that astonished  
 me by their size & grandeur.  
 Perched way up on top  
 was a modern house, much  
 to my disgust. We ate  
 our lunch by the River shore  
 the far fr. Fairhaven Bay &  
 we ventured on several  
 avenues leading to small  
 private houses on the River  
 & finally came out on the  
 older road to Fairhaven, five  
 ending finally in full view  
 blocked at the Sudbury  
 River Road, as we had no  
 sign to guide us we got  
 pretty well turned round in  
 our orientation. We soon  
 came to station in the rain,  
 but as it held up a little  
 we set out again to see  
 Frank Sanborn's house



As situation not known to me.  
 Mr. Sanborn has been piling  
 his furnace waste & coal ashes  
 on his land by the edge of the  
 river & his fellow citizens  
 out of regard to his age &  
 position have not protested  
 or stopped his injury to the  
 stream or his neighbors.  
 I must say Mr. Sanborn has  
 fallen in my estimation  
 from his disregard of what  
 his neighbors may have to  
 look at from the pretty houses  
 on the hill on the other side  
 of the River. 4.12 train home  
 Walter Faxon started over  
 much distressed to find a  
 crawfish of which 5 or 6  
 have been found in Walden:  
 but he had no success today.  
 White Ash tree on Sudbury Road  
 11 feet 2 inches in circumference  
 4 feet from the ground.

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3 May.

Wm took me to the corner of  
Canton Ave + Crossman's Lane  
+ I walked thro the lane to  
the house one mile + then  
by the path + along Boundary  
Fence to the Reservation home.

A three mile walk by pedometry.  
Got a fine *Amelanchier*  
*Canadensis* — not the big  
tree form as at Lebanon <sup>Not</sup>  
but a smaller 8 ft tree +  
with smaller flowers, but  
in profuse blossom just now.  
A very fine day, the wind  
blows north as for so many  
days lately.

Greenfield 11 May 1912

- C. *Equisetum hiemale*  
 " *Sagittaria*  
 Gr. *Carex laxiflora* var *patulifolia*  
 Col. " *pedunculata*  
 " " *permylywanica*  
 " " *plantaginifolia*  
 " *Luzula saltuensis*  
 " *Streptopus roseus*  
 Gr. *Betula lutea*  
 " *Carpinus caroliniana*  
 " *Asarum canadense*  
 " *Actaea alba*  
 Col. *Ranunculus abortivus*  
 Gr. *Thalictrum dioicum*  
 " *Zentaria diphylla*  
 Col. *Chrysosplenium americanum*  
 Gr. *Mibella diphylla*  
 " *Amelanchier canadensis*  
 Col. *Maestlinia fragarioides*  
 " *Acer spicatum*  
 Gr. ~~*Viola conspersa*~~  
 " *cucullata*  
 Col. " *verifolia*  
 Gr. " *pubescens*  
 " " *rostrata*  
 " " *notulifolia*  
 Gr. *Lixia aurea*  
 Gr. *Equisetum ripens*  
 Col. *Sambucus racemosa*  
 Gr. *Asplenium plantaginifolia*

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	G	C
Williams	7	13
Battledier	21	10
Kennedy	15	11
	43	34

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Col = Coleraine

Gr = Greenfield

Geo. G. Kennedy

Greenfield Mass

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10 May Friday to G by the 11.30 train:  
a field meeting of the New England Bot  
Club for Saturday. Emile  
Williams, Mr Batchelder of  
Cambridge & I had engaged rooms  
at the Weldon. Fernald and  
fourteen others came to the  
Mansion House at 9.30 in the  
evening. On arrival found  
that Batchelder was out  
botanizing having come on  
an early morning train. I  
walked about the town till  
5.30 when Batchelder returned  
he had supper & Emile came  
at 7.45.

11<sup>th</sup> May. Carriage & driver took  
us to the Vermont line 15 m  
by the Green valley road in  
Coleraine on the edge of Hyden,  
the river being the dividing line  
between the towns. It was  
a typical Corn River valley  
- a wet bog for us, or at least  
we found no novelties.  
Three small snow banks  
persisted in the shadow of  
the wet roadside.



12 1912

Lunched at a sweet water  
brook which a dozen or  
more in different styles of  
catastaes came down the  
mountain side. Came  
back home by 5.30 and  
as Emile had an indigestion  
attack we did not go to  
the dinner with the other  
members at the Mansion  
house.

Sat

Sunday 12 May. Emile had an  
unquiet night but felt better  
by 8 o'clock. Batchelder  
went home at 7.40. Emile & I  
by the 1.40 train. I went to  
the 7.40 to see Batchelder &  
at the Mansion house  
saw Fernald & others. They  
were to stay most of the  
day & explore further taking  
a late train home.  
Today rainy & showery. Yesterday  
a brilliant fine day. Emile at  
air Cambridge at 5. Boston at  
5.10 & I took 6 o'clock train  
home.

14 May. with C. & F. by 8.54 train to Concord.  
 W. F. met us at Station & we  
 walked 10 1/4 miles to Mayland  
 Station via Panty Brook  
 which where it crosses the  
 highway looks like a straight  
 cut ditch tho with a  
 large volume of flowing water  
 thence by New Bridge Road  
 a picturesque & wild country  
 road over the bridge  
 with the monumental slab to  
 the memory of Concord men  
 slain by the Indians to Mayland  
 station & back to Boston by  
 the 9.25 train.

Day very fine, meadows  
 full of water; saw many  
 moles & a pair of Solitary  
 Sandpepers.

14 1912 Lexington & Waltham.

20 May C.E.T. & I to Lex by the 9.51  
train: met W.F. at station:  
remained there half an  
hour for the rain to cease  
falling & then walked to  
Waltham via Lincoln St,  
Shade St (had our lunch  
by rocky ledge by entrance)  
then Concord Ave & to  
Lincoln St & thence to  
Piercy corner & Waltham  
Station, W.F. to Concord  
Ave to Boston by the 4.37  
train. 9 miles in all.

Day very fine after the  
rain cool East wind &  
atmospheric effects on  
trees & pastures what  
one sees only in May.

Plenty of Botany in the  
woods, buds for many  
the *Scilla pennsylvanica*  
just out: one flower many  
buds. Fine deer meadow  
in yard of old mansion on  
the Lincoln Road in Waltham  
7 ft 2 1/2 in north and 66  
ft thread: many songs  
over near by on the road.

side said must be a fine place for the evening Grosbeaks in the winter. Passing the birthplace of Theodore Parker & the big pine he used to admire: now a stump protected by a wooden observation, some 15 ft high to climb for the view.

The Deer Meadows Farm Nov 15th 1915 for sale: As met Mrs Viles, wife the sole owner, a young man Professor of History at a College in Missouri. The farm has never been owned by any one of another name since the first settlement of the country, but now as Mr Viles wishes to remain in his Western college, the farm of 120 acres is offered for sale. C.E. Foxcroft & I measured the large Negundo tree at the banding put on to prevent insects crawling up and it was seven feet six inches, a gain of over one inch per year from 20 May 1912 to April 15. 1915

16 1912

24 May.

Prospect Hill Waltham  
+ walk to Lincoln.

Day very hot  $86^{\circ}$  in Boston  
+ much thunder after 4 o'clock  
with CE + by 8.54 to Waltham  
but W + had not arrived  
at station. We telephoned  
to Colonial Hotel + learned he  
had started. He came on the  
10.17 train. We walked to  
Hammond St leading directly to  
Prospect Hill + thence by an  
old path a few steps beyond  
the Waltham Highlands State  
in the Mass Central. We soon  
came to the young beeches  
on the denuded hill where the  
*Silene pennsylvanica* was in  
fine flower. Also in a good  
hole on the left hand side of  
the path *Ranunculus delphin-*  
*ifolius* made a great show.  
We went on to the Prospect  
lookout view + down the  
Vale of Tempe between the two  
summits of the Hill. Here on  
the left of the path down to  
the Spring, *Salix caprea* forest  
*Leparis latifolia* very rare

ago. We had our lunch here  
 then took one of the paths to  
 the Lincoln Road, where we  
 ought to have staid among  
 the trees of the hill, but we  
 walked in the blazing sun  
 around the S. W. side of the  
 Cobbs Brook Reservoir. Took  
 road to Lincoln Centre, we  
 had just abt time to get  
 the 4.17 train but met a  
 veterinary surgeon in his  
 auto & he very kindly took  
 us to the station & we got  
 to Boston before the rolling  
 thunder brought any rain  
 to us; I took carriage to  
 the South station & the  
 first shower of the evening  
 broke over the scurrying  
 crowd of people in Seavey  
 Square.



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# Medfield.

29 May

C.E. & W. came by the 9:35 train & I joined them for a trip to Hook Meadow Brook & Moon Kill St in Medfield. Cars leave Dedham at 15 minutes after each hour & run to Medfield in  $\approx 50$  minutes, leaving M. at five minutes before the hour for Dedham: we walked a mile or more toward Medfield on high St before car overtook us & got out in Medfield & walked over the Bridge across the Charles & by the Wheeler camp on the river's edge to the highway again - leaving the town & Miller when we crossed the little Bridge over the Charles: there by the road as in Oct 1909 to Moon Kill St by the big house in the swamp: the house by the milldam pond had been burned, but the pond & brook roadway view were as fine as ever, & indeed very beautiful in the warm sunset today: It was a warm day.

with South west wind, driving  
mist & light showers. We  
turned into South St on leaving  
Moon Hill St and thence to  
Midfield and just caught the  
2:55 (it was late) car for  
Dedham: the others to town  
+ I by R.R. to Hyde Park at 4:14  
+ by Trolley to Mattapan home.

The little mill pond had  
a wealth of yellow water  
lilies & at the further end  
Spik + a fine *Crataegus* in  
full flower ~~beside~~ the pasture  
wall on South St.

This is really as fine a walk  
as we know the whole region  
is so attractive.

We measured an English Elm on the  
Bullard place in Dedham, close to  
the sidewalk 16 feet one inch.  
and an American Elm in  
Midfield close to the sidewalk  
in the middle of the town, an old  
+ much injured tree but with  
a noble trunk 19 feet 2 inches  
at 3 ft up. a small ring of a garden  
around the tree showed the family  
took special interest in it.

20/9/12 Lee - Berkshire Co - Mass

4 June  
Tuesday

CE & I left Boston 10 am &  
arr Pittsfield 2.25. Train to  
Lee 2.55 & arr 3.15.

Team to the Greenock Inn  
& rooms 211, 213 with Bath  
between.

Walked abt town in various  
streets till rain came on,  
but the day had been fine  
on the train. CE & I

on the Acer saccharum  
near var Russellii. & I took  
spec: var not recognized in  
the new Manual. Large

Angelica by the river bank  
which we did not get  
near enough to make sure of.

The Kousatomie here with  
full banks, just as all the  
rivers & ponds en route.  
Showery most of the evening.

June 5 Cloudy, wind S.E. Ther ~~to~~  $52^{\circ}$   
 highest I saw the glass was  $62^{\circ}$

We measured several trees, viz  
 Elm 16 ft. Mountain Ash  
 (European) 5 feet in circumference  
 and a Sugar maple 14 feet  
 4 inches. and a very  
 handsome elm on hill East  
 of the town, in Hor park, 13 feet.  
 There were many say 15  
 primary branches, and the  
 tree was in fine healthy vigor.

We walked this morning  
 to East Lee, by a pretty country  
 road & came back by the  
 river road with many Italian  
 houses & the road especially for  
 the botanist. Found on the  
 road going to East Lee, a *Scirpus*  
*ternatum*, not probably a  
 wild plant, but we saw  
 no other specimens and the  
 one found was in wet roadside  
 not very near any house.

P.M. we walked by road around  
 the hill East of the town & saw  
 the above measured very  
 beautiful Elm, and also

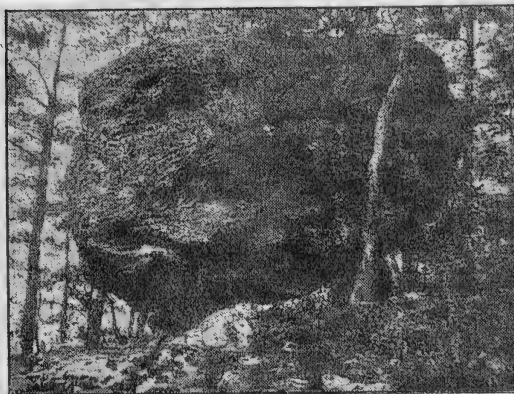
Black Clouds gather  
 Lanesboro. The day is  
 bright and cool. Just  
 the day for a drive.

# BERKSHIRE BALANCE ROCKS

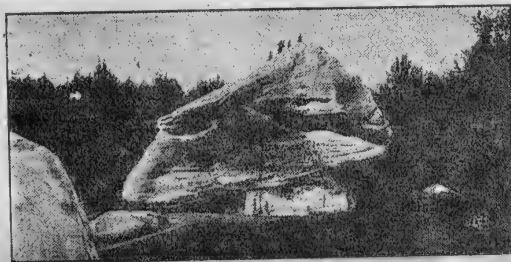
## TWO NOTABLE ONES IN COUNTY

Marble Bowlder at Lanesboro—Huge  
 Rock on Monument Mountain.

For many years one of the greatest natural curiosities in Berkshire county, and which in earlier and later years has been



BALANCE ROCK, HOUSATONIC.



BALANCE ROCK, LANESBORO.

visited by armies of the curious, is Balance rock, four miles north of Pittsfield and near the south line of Lanesboro. This great white marble bowlder is now of a deep brown color, and is scarred and riven by the storms of centuries. It is 30 feet high, 15 wide and is so wonderfully poised on a few feet at its base as to tremble at the slightest touch. It weighs many hundreds of tons and resembles from several points of view a huge egg, a blacksmith's forge and the back of an elephant. It resembles no rock to be found on the Taconic mountain range or its foothills, near which latter it stands in sphinx-like grandeur and silence.

It is not generally known that there is another balance rock in Berkshire about of equal interest with that in Lanesboro. It is on the highest point of the Monument mountain, where it slopes toward the east, and is 700 feet above the river at the village of Housatonic. Its estimated weight is over 100 tons.

the interior of this southern part of New England is the depository for

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Great Barnington

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6 June

The electric trolley but  
no electric for G. B.

The approach to the village  
is not particularly interesting  
but we found in the afternoon  
that the Steam RR station  
was finely situated for view,  
with the stone tower of St James  
Episcopal Church giving a  
very English village look.

We went to the "Berkshire  
Inn" a larger caravansary  
than our The Greenock &  
waited on the piazza for  
the now increasing rain to  
hold up. When it did a  
very little we explored a  
small emmence just beyond  
on same side of street with  
the "Inn" where both Sargent  
& Brainerd had told C E & he  
would find Quercus Muhlenbergii  
but we failed to see it &  
came back to lunch at the  
Inn & sit in the hall with  
others by the big fire. Opposite  
the hotel is the wall of the  
Wickins-Searle estate, now  
not occupied & beginning to look

neglected. We proceeded to  
the lake close to the hotel  
by a sort of "Acornick" by rail  
reminding us of England -  
staid there for the 5.03  
My N.H. to take us to her.

7 June Lenox:

The day clear & cool with  
summer sky & autumn breeze.  
Electr. to Lenox station & a  
branch line to the village.

C.E. F. was here in 1872 &  
found yellow ladies slippers  
& other rare plants. So we  
walked down Chest St to  
the bottom of the hollow &  
found his wet woods well  
protected by a wire fence.  
So we kept on along Chest St  
to come back to town by  
taking the left hand turnings,  
but we missed the road  
opposite the Shattuck House



→ so went more than a mile out our way towards the pond called Stockbridge Bowl. Turned back & found the road at the Spruce Kedge near a house & taking it (a fine road for a walk with beautiful views) came back to Curtis Dam at 1.20 -

Had good lunch here & met Edw. S. Grew, sick & weak for several years now, as his father was before him.

Mr. Curtis showed us all over the house & his new kitchen etc. built last winter.

In Stockbridge collected *Rumex acetosa* an abundant weed. Came back at 3.30 to the RR station & found several trees of *Quercus macrocarpa* on the roadside close to the junction of the Pittsfield RR Electric & the little branch line to Lenox. Took specimens & home 5.30.

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Sheffield

5 June Then 6 am 52  
" 7 am 52  
" noon 62

measurements of Trees today.

No 1 Elm at Hotel at Sheffield  
17 ft 10 in in circum at  
4 ft from ground.

No 2 Sugar maple on Highway  
12 ft

No 3 White Willow on Highway  
16 ft 5 inches.

No 4 Great Elm of Sheffield  
at 4 ft 19 ft 3 in  
at 3 " 19 ft 11 in  
spread 117 feet.

This spread was practically  
north & south, or almost -  
as the Highway runs.

The day has been wonderfully  
bright & clear, a rare day even  
in June; we took Electric  
car at 9 o'clock - stopped

vide p. 292  
#Garrington  
New 15th

near at Great Barrington to examine  
 more carefully the little mound  
 with summer house on it — a  
 few yards South of the Hotel —  
 where C. E. T. hoped to find the  
*Quercus Muhlenbergii* as did  
 Sargent & Brainerd, but we  
 had no such luck: no oak  
 or any kind on the rocky little  
 hill. Cars run infrequently to  
 Sheffield but we arrived there  
 a little after twelve —  
 a beautiful picture such a  
 day as this with its four  
 rows of big elms and green  
 grass most abundant;  
 an idyllic spot, much  
 & dreamlike, every body  
 eating within doors their  
 noon meal & we seeing  
 it all in a dream. No mills  
 nor factories, three stores  
 (I think I saw no more) and  
 three churches: we found  
 the Hotel Elmhurst, its name  
 more pretentious than it  
 deserved and after lunch  
 (75 cents) & the vegetable soup  
 very good we measured the

Elm by the house & walk out with  
 one, and a quarter mile to  
 the big elm: even children  
 knew where it was when we  
 inquired; Ten years ago  
 the semi-centennial of the  
 planting of many if not  
 all the trees in the street  
 rows, was celebrated &  
 the 'Big Elm' was the  
 centre of attraction then as  
 now —. We found it  
 showing signs of age,  
 with several dead limbs,  
 even on the larger part.  
 But it is a fine old tree.  
 It stands on the East side of  
 the road on a mound,  
 perhaps somewhat artificial,  
 from which the cows are  
 kept by a wire fence.  
 A large dairy farm with  
 buildings all on the opposite  
 side of the road, and fine  
 pastures extending to the Pecos  
 River on the East side.  
 We wandered to the River  
 & picked in the wet land  
 Selaginella apus & Carex

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a more beautiful day never shown  
on the wide throat Sheffield  
meadows.

We took the 4.49 M. express  
back to L.

Sunday  
9 June

## Stockbridge.

By Electric to Stockbridge & stop at  
crossing nearest the old Indian  
Burial place & monument. a fine  
old memorial for a lost race. Have I  
not heard the monolith now turned  
into a monument had some sacred  
character with the Indians?

Here we walked to the village &  
especially the village cemetery  
& the Sedgwick lot, a large  
hedge-enclosed area for the  
members of that family. Here lie  
Isley Rackemanns father & mother  
and my class mate Sedgwick's  
wife and Francis James Child.  
A very beautiful Fringe tree in  
full flower made a fitting

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emblem & purity in another lot.  
 We walked along the chief  
 street with its stately trees -  
 had our dinner at one o'clock  
 at the Red Lion Hotel: then  
 to the Episcopal Church  
 opposite to the La Farges  
 window St Paul, a rich  
 piece of color: and St.  
 Gaudens' Baptismal Font  
 Tablet not a very noble  
 production: then to the  
 Catholic Church to see the  
 14 Stations of the Cross presented  
 by Chas Asor Wright, a  
 series of marble colored, &  
 waxen figure pieces too high  
 placed to be examined but  
 perhaps thus better preserved,  
 and noticed the grave stone  
 with its Latin inscription  
 on the grave of Miss Jane Sedgwick.  
 Thence to the top of Laurel Hill  
 & then to car station Electric  
 & so came home. Fine day,  
 but with cool N.W. high winds.  
 Botany a bit along river bank  
 while waiting for car - got *Lygodes*  
 & *Polygonatum commutatum*.

Elm on street - 14 ft. diam.  
 Sugar maple - 10 ft. - 7 in.

W. J. M. Murray, Left by 7.56  
train for Canaan the first town  
south of Sheffield: here the New  
England RR crosses the N Y N H  
and as we had to wait abt two  
hours we walked northwards on  
road crossing the RR and at  
end of village came to a very  
fine *Populus monilifera* which  
we measured 15ft 8 1/2 inches  
and in field of same farm & on  
same side of road as tree a  
wet place in the field near  
the road found *Salix candida*  
& other *Polygonatum* of yesterday.  
We found train 55 minutes late  
so wandered a bit down the track  
but train came finally & we paid  
12 cts for our ride to Twin Lakes  
& highway runs north & south  
between two large lakes: we  
went south first & found *Xanthoxylum* wild & a covey  
then north on the road & having  
a large swamp on the west side  
we kept on abt a mile to  
the next place, where we could  
see the stone tower erected on  
the highest hill in Connecticut



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the mountain summit very in  
Salisbury tho a large part of  
the mt said to be in Canada.  
on the ledge here Pellaea  
& Aspl. Ruta muraria &  
a Draba.

We came back to station  
& got 3.56 for Canada & then  
had two hours to wait so  
we walked north on RR track  
for about two miles to see a  
famous Elm: it measured  
~~15ft 8 1/2 inches~~ 16ft 7in spread 90 ft.  
and was only situated of  
fine appearance. on the west  
side RR and easily seen  
for the track.

Had supper at the Cantined  
Hotel (very good 50 cents) —  
took 6.37 train for die

Scarlet Oak on Street Canada 8ft 5 in  
White Oak at Iron Lakes 13ft 9 in

11 June Tuesday while we were at breakfast who should appear but Walter Taxon: he has room opposite & today we have all been to Lanesborough leaving here at 9 am for Pilsford & then Electric to Lanesborough. We went to the house of Josiah Royce where the Taxons have staid at intervals for many summers. Having engaged a dinner at 1 we went to work: The colony of Eaves Swallows on a large barn was a great sight. On one side of the Barn were 64 nests and on the other 39, making 103 in all: W. F. calculated that each bird nest would average at least 4 young, so with the two parents of each nest there would be 600 Swallows taking flight in Aug for the South: The English Sparrows occupied perhaps 3 nests on one side of the Barn & perhaps one or two on the other. We measured a Roadside Elm, 17 feet 2 inches.

## Lanesboro

After dinner we sat in the front  
 yard just loafing & enjoying  
 the beautiful day. We took  
 Electric to Hillsdale & visited  
 the Library & Nat Hist Museum.  
 Here we saw the Sledge that  
 Benson used in going to the  
 Pole, a gift from Peary to  
 Mr. Zenas Crane, also ~~the~~  
 the suit & clothes Benson wore  
 on that Sledge journey. &  
 Mr. Crane presented them  
 to the Berkshire Athenaeum  
 & Museum.

We took 6.15 train for Lee

Anacharis in Pontreue Lake.

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12 June Wednesday: we went to Tringham  
 on the U. S. Mail carriage — a  
 baggage Auto, leaving the P.O.  
 at 8 AM: we were waiting at  
 the P.O. when the auto appeared  
 and the young man in charge  
 looked anxiously over his load  
 of "Baldings Furniture" to see  
 where among string beds and  
 provision boxes he could securely  
 seat three passengers, and we  
 were informed — that had he  
 known last evening of his load  
 of passengers he could otherwise  
 disposed of his other freight.  
 however we climbed on: I was  
 allowed a seat with the driver  
 & the others arranged their  
 legs around or on the bag &  
 boxes & we started. About  
 a mile out a lady & a little  
 girl were waiting to go on  
 with us & by moving some  
 bags & boxes they were squeezed  
 in between the gentlemen &  
 the lady then held the little girl on  
 her lap till W. F. invited the  
 child to his lap, and we  
 proceeded & arrived all safely

at the Lymington Pt. Railway the  
horses of Mr. Tivland, <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~  
J. Wain & Mr. Gilder. Here  
we disembarked & paid ~~an~~  
25 each for the ride. Taking  
the road off the Hotel we  
walked to the Shaker Settlement  
(now deserted by the faithful).

At the house on the corner  
on right hand side of the  
road was a large & fine  
*Robinia pseudoacacia* which  
we measured: at 3 ft. from  
ground 11 feet 7 1/2 inches, the  
finest acacia we had met  
of us seen. We had a delightful  
walk under the shady trees of  
the road with views down  
over the valley, remaining 30 ft  
of the Hanger at 'Selborne' tho'  
as W & I suggested the woods  
lacked the beech trees so  
prominent on the Hanger.  
Ferns of many kinds and  
very rich in color,  
*Viola Canadensis*, *Asarum*  
with large long-purplish flowers  
& *Parnassia* when we got  
down to the meadow, *Carex*

aurea in one place & Ranunculus  
septentrionalis & Sax. Pennsylvanica.  
Keeping the right hand road we came  
out on the Lee road just as it  
began to rain but we hinged on  
under umbrellas, after abt a  
mile of walking we were over-  
taken by an auto with two  
young men who invited us to  
ride, so we were soon  
landed at the hotel, and  
the day has since been  
dark & showery. — I have  
got my plants into press &  
we have been talking on  
many subjects.

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13 June Thursday — W. F. wished to  
explore Laurel Hill pond for  
crayfish so we walked there  
but found nothing encouraging  
in the place we stopped at.  
Perhaps later in the season  
the crayfish may be there.  
So we continued on & walked  
around the pond & home to be.  
we passed thro a beautiful  
fine road and near a swamp,  
& then came to an expensive  
iron fence & seeing notice  
that deer hunting was not  
allowed, signed by George  
Westinghouse, I found when  
came to the next corner that  
it was really Mr W's avenue  
& the place where "the Club"  
had luncheon on our outing  
trip thro the Parkshires.  
We reached home at 1.15 —  
and afternoon called on  
the Librarian Miss Stallman  
& found there Dr Wilcox chairman  
of the board of Trustees & talked  
of kitchen, Gables & many  
other works. The day has  
been fair & cool. Wind N.W.  
ther 52° at 8 am & 59° at 1.15



June 14 Friday. Left Lee at 9: left  
Pittsfield at 10.35 on Chicago  
Exp arr Boston 2.55 & home  
on 3.27.

In Bookstore in Pittsfield  
met Mr Lincoln, the Photographer  
of Flowers & Botanical plates.

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27 June Drove to Stony Brook Reservoir,  
to look for Woodwardia arifolia,  
but for some unexplained  
reason the brook was dry  
and I could not locate  
the place where I had seen  
it. Brought home a Box  
of various things some of  
which I have pressed.  
Day cool & fine.

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11 July. The storm after many weeks of drought was not as severe at this part of Milton as in many other places abt Boston, but the large Pine on the bank lippy bet from our front piazza was struck by a bolt of lightning & from the top of the tree to the ground and in different places the bark was torn off in pieces ~~of~~ up to 3ft long by 8 inches wide, and the solid wood is split in a crack half an inch wide. The tree is doomed, being more seriously injured than the pine by the cottage struck about three weeks ago, where the spiral line fr top to bottom is abt one inch wide, and no splitting of the wood is shown. The noise with this one today was as the explosion of a bomb exactly directly over my head as I sat on my sofa here in my perbarium.

systematic books of reference in systematic and geographic botany. Three reading tables of generous proportions, also of steel, will stand about. The cases containing the catalogue of the books and the card-bibliographies will be of steel.

Chairs for the library, and for other parts of the Herbarium, must be of wood. Otherwise they would be uncomfortable and cold. Supposing they were of steel rather than of wood, the amount of upholstery necessary to make them practicable would result in making them also combustible and inflammable. But the overwhelming proportion of steel furnishings, even if a fire should start in the library, would do away with any appreciable danger of its spreading.

The second floor of the library wing will contain another stack for books. Between the two stacks about 20,000 volumes and pamphlets will be distributed, and space afforded for many years' growth. Here, too, will be steel reading tables. On this floor will be set apart three smaller rooms: one for the curator (Professor Benjamin Lincoln Robinson), one for the librarian (Miss Mary A. Day), and a room for maps and publications. The old library was small, imperfectly lighted, by no means safe from fire, and quite inadequate for the shelving of the books of reference.

It has long been the practice of those in charge of the Herbarium to permit anyone—whether or not connected with Harvard College or with the New England Botanical Club—anyone who displays an intelligent interest in systematic botany, to examine these books of reference; and the increased facilities will now make it possible to accommodate botanists from all over the world to a greater extent than it is possible to calculate at present.

The laboratory wing of the Herbarium, on the right, will lie between the main portion of the Herbarium and the conservatories. The basement will contain coal bins and boiler room, and will be devoted to the storage of boxes and other materials for packing. The ground floor will contain, besides a coat room, two rooms to be used by those pursuing the courses of systematic botany given by Harvard College.

Upstairs will be a room about 26 by 31 feet for the collection of the New England Botanical Club. There also will be the room of Merritt Lyndon Fernald, assistant professor of botany in Harvard College and president of the New England Botanical Club. He will have charge of the club collection.

Besides there will be what is called "the bundle room," the repository of plant specimens before they are satisfactorily prepared for the organized collection. Also, here will be the instrument room, supplied with microscopes, lenses, and so forth. The entire laboratory wing is to be known as The George Robert White Laboratories of Systematic Botany.

This wing has been made possible by the donation of \$31,500 by Mr. White, for a long time a member of the visiting committee of the Herbarium. Of this sum about \$10,000 will be put into the steel furnishings. These furnishings have much to do with bringing it about that for the first time in the history of the Herbarium there are proper facilities for the storage of specimens—also for protecting them from fire, mice, bugs, and destruction of every kind. There is no other Herbarium in the world so well protected from fire as the Gray Herbarium will be. There is no other Herbarium in this country so valuable

systematic botany of Harvard College, is curator) and the New England Botanical Club are supplementary to each other.

The already described improvements when completed will render the little brick building in Garden street, Cambridge, to even a higher degree than ever before a working centre, not only for students of the New England flora, but for all botanists—both professional and amateur.

## A NEW GRAY HERBARIUM

### ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS NEARING COMPLETION

Will Afford More and Better Opportunities for the Study of Botany—The Many Precautions Taken to Prevent Damage by Fire—How the Building Will Look When the Work Is Done—Recent Gifts to the Institution *Alphonse*

BY GEORGE NOBLE *1912*

To those interested in the study of botany—either casual or deep and painstaking—innumerable additional opportunities and facilities will be afforded in the course of a few months. It is expected that by June 1—perhaps sooner—the workmen who have been busily engaged in completing the improvements to the Gray Herbarium, in the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, ever since the removal of the old Asa Gray house across Garden street, about a year ago, will have gathered up their tools and gone away.

There will eventually stand on the spot a brick building of moderate height—the central portion higher than the rest—of considerable length, and practical in appearance. The central, or main portion, still awaiting reconstruction, has been in active use since 1861, and was supplemented in 1910 by the Kidder wing, a completely fire-proof structure, the gift of Nathaniel T. Kidder, Harvard, '82, and a member of the visiting committee of the Gray Herbarium.

The left-hand wing, as one faces the Herbarium, will be known as the library wing. It has been made possible by an anonymous gift of \$25,000. The basement of the library wing will consist of storerooms for the collecting apparatus and so on. There, also, will be a photographic dark room.

The ground floor will be occupied large-

from the standpoint of authentic specimens; that is to say, specimens which have been verified by comparison with the "type specimens." During his lifetime Asa Gray did much of this work of verification. Dr. Gray started the Herbarium privately in the '30s. In 1864 he presented it to Harvard College when the building now occupying the centre of the group and greatly in need of renovation was erected for its housing. The growth of the collection has been steady. There has never been a lapse in its continuous advance since its start.

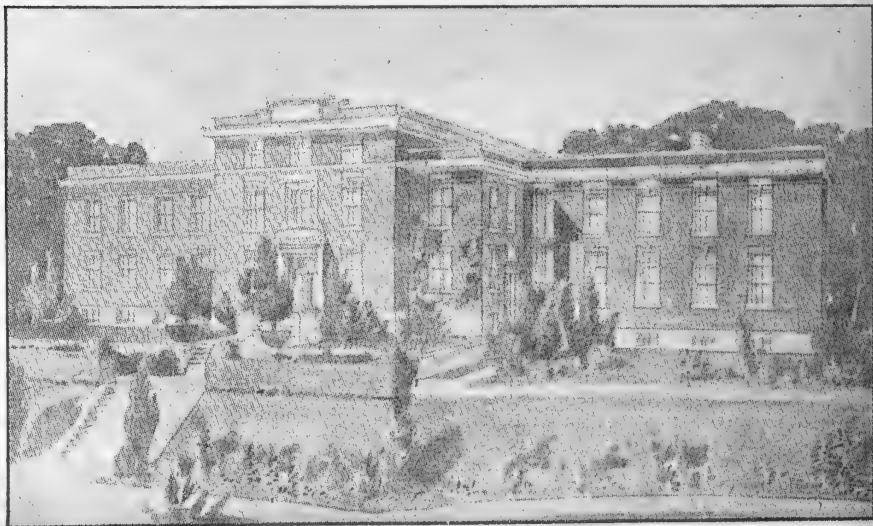
As still one more safeguard against fire, there are to be steel wastebaskets scattered throughout the herbarium. The herbarium cases are of steel and almost air-tight. And the window-curtain rollers are of steel. The walls, outside, are of brick; inside, of painted brick and plaster. The floors are of painted cement. Thus, to the visitor is presented the clean, spic and span appearance of a model dairy—as fascinating a place as a well-found clipper ship.

Among the gifts received by the herbarium since the removal of the Asa Gray house are a copy of *Hoola van Nooten's* elaborately illustrated folio publication on the fruits and flowers of Java. This was contributed by Mrs. William G. Weld of the visiting committee.

Another gift by which great store is set is a bust (the gallery of busts in the herbarium is large) of the late Alphonse de Candolle, a distinguished Swiss botanist of Geneva. This was presented by Casimir de Candolle, a botanist, the son of Alphonse, in recognition of the long and intimate friendship between his father and Asa Gray.

Botany is closely interwoven with the traditions of this Swiss family. For some years there has been in the Gray Herbarium a bust of Auguste Pyramis de Candolle, the father of Alphonse. Today in Switzerland, likely in time to become famous as a botanist, dwells Auguste de Candolle, a son of Casimir, the recent donor of the bust of Alphonse to the herbarium.

It might be stated with accuracy that the herbarium (of which Benjamin Lincoln



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Burlington Vt.

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July 15 Monday. with ~~Mildred~~ <sup>Mildred</sup> & Mas I left Boston 11 o'clock & reached Burlington via Rutland at 5.40. Mildred who had come up by Boat fr Lake George was at the Hotel Vermont to welcome us. Had good rooms 407 & 406 at this new Hotel. Day warm but fine.

16 July we three motored to Camp Rich, Beane Point, Milton. Had dinner at the farm house with Edith & her children. The cottage they occupy is on the edge of the lake and a fresh breeze made sparkling ripples. The wind changed last night & blankets were to the front again. Ther. fell 25 degrees. I must mention a two acre field of Blue Chaucery as one of the prettiest sights I ever saw. As we drove by at 11 o'clock each flower was full open to the sun, &

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the effect was wonderful,  
when we came back again  
at 4 o'clock the flowers  
had mostly shut up &  
the morning effect was lost.  
We left M.K. at camp & we  
came back here at 5 PM

17 July  
Wed.

I walked abt the town in Am  
& to the College Library; gave  
the Librarian for the Library  
a book I had brought from  
home, viz Lammie's Adven-  
tures of an angler, a presentati-  
on copy for the author to Danl.  
Webster. It has two or  
three pages devoted to the  
Univer. of Vermont and its  
Professor Joseph Torrey the  
early Botanist -  
I had a little survey for  
the street corner & drove with  
M & I thro the beautiful &  
shaded streets of the town.  
Edith & her children - M.K. came  
at 7.45, their train two hours  
late so we had a late  
dinner or supper.



18 July Thursday. very beautiful day.  
Took the Guck Boat for Port  
Kent. carriage to Ausable  
Chasm Hotel (50 c each) & then  
walked down path fr Hotel &  
a long flight of stairs to the  
River below the Rainbow Falls  
a fine sheet of water falling 70 ft.  
Then walked slowly by the path  
much of it over horizontally  
laid strata. and many long  
or short flights of steps to the  
Boat Landing a distance of  
at least two miles: a large  
boat holding 20 persons, but  
we had only 13 took no more  
charge of two boatmen a few  
hundred yards where we dis-  
embarked to walk around  
some short rapids and  
took another boat a short  
distance to the end of the gorge.  
a trip well worth taking &  
worth taking slowly. when we  
had climbed the stairs & path  
up to a summer house refresh-  
ment establishment a large  
four seated GO power auto  
took us to the Hotel for dinner.

The same wagon took us back  
 to the Boat landing 3 m.,  
 & the boat for Etahaus &  
 the north landed us at  
 Burlington exactly on time (4.45)  
 tho' we were told she  
 never was on time & we  
 might safely allow for  
 at least an hour late.  
 Did not do any botanizing;  
 noticed many young  
*Populus monilifera*, &  
 took one moss a *Grimmia*;  
 a very fine Lombardy Poplar  
 stands alone 200 feet from  
 the Hotel front & much  
*Ceanothus* lined the sandy  
 roadside. Evening we all  
 dined in the Roof Garden.

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19 July Friday. The shade trees of the Burleigh are in very fine, order, and just in the vigor of their age. I have not seen any very large trees: measured two that appeared larger than others. They were 10 ft 10 inches and 10 ft 8 in. From the roof garden of this Hotel the city looks nearly all trees with occasional buildings: none of our pests such as Brown-tailed or Gypsy moths, or the Elm leaf beetle have attacked these trees. Am. walked with Geo Briggs to the College grounds & Library & met Prof Perkins —

PM at 2 o'clock had same auto & driver Jarvis and Edith P. A. B. & K. B. and Melle went back to Camp Rich: the auto arrived here again at 5.45. Quite a heavy wind in PM I walked around the shopping district

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20 July Saturday. Drove with Ma & I to Fort Ethan Allen & saw guard mounting at 10.15 o'clock. The 10 Regt U. S. Army stationed here: a colored regiment of 1000 men: we drove around among the buildings & enclosures & I have not seen so many horses together since the review I witnessed in Constantinople in 1894. The officers are all white men: there was a spruce & manly look among the men as if discipline had done them much good. The situation is ideal, a widely extended plain on high land, healthy for the men & admirable for the exercises. We got home at 11.30 & I then walked up to the weather Bureau station & admired the view of the mountains fr Mansfield to Camel's Hump & beyond.

PM at home reading Horace &  
 at 6.05 went to station for MK  
 returning fr. South Hero, but  
 she did not come on that  
 train so we had dinner. &  
 at 7.45 she came from Edith  
 at Camp Rich via Vt. C. RR  
 from Milton station

21 July Sunday. Rainy all day - a  
 quiet persistent useful rain  
 after many week of dry weather  
 I took a street carriage and  
 went to the Unitarian Church,  
 a fine old New England structure  
 built in 1876. Pastor Mr.  
 Staples: I saw the Baptismal  
 Font, a memorial of Rev L. G.  
 Ware some of whose Tracts  
 Variorum Shakespeare I have  
 at home in PM

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22 July.

Tho' the weather looked very stormy, we had auto & drove to the Edward Webb place at Shelburne, an estate of 3600 acres & fine drives, woods & plantations. The lake shore was very beautiful with the black sky beyond the lake: we saw nothing of the west shore, only the black waters driven by a strong west wind on the rocky shores. We called at the stables & saw a few of the saddle horses & the very large riding ring. Came home at noon time hurrying away from the fast scudding rain. but it cleared in the PM. & at 5 o'clock we all went down to the Plattsburg Boat. Emma Donohugh came on it & Millie joined her for the 1000 Islands via Montreal & Gananoque.

23 July Tuesday: we took the 10.57 train for White River Junction arr 2.15 + disembarked on the temporary platform, the Station having been burned some weeks ago. I went over to Gubb's stable + his son took us in Auto to Hanover where we engaged rooms at The Inn + then to call on Miss Thomas but did not find her so kept in auto + to Alden Hall - no one there - + via Lebanon Centre + Hanover Centre to the Inn. Evening Miss Thomas + Mr Follette of the English Dept supped with us + we were shown several of the new rooms of the Administration + other buildings.

24 July: last evening we accepted Fanny Alden's Telephone invitation to breakfast with her + Ida so we had auto at 8 + breakfast at 8.30 + staid till the 11.35 train. I walked down the Cemetery Road to the Creek home by highway. To Boston at 4.30 + home 5.05 train.

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3 Aug. Spent an hour this am going  
back forth on Hals front  
land which he sowed to  
*Trifolium incarnatum* last  
year & intends to plow  
again next week: Took  
various specimens, the  
most notable one being  
*Brassica alba* (L.) Boiss  
which I never picked  
before: found only one  
specimen —



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Massapoag

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Aug 12. C. E. & W. F. came on the 10.10 & I joined them for Sharon Heights. Day proved very hot 89° & showers all around, but not on us. on shore of Massapoag got Rotala for its flower, and Elatine, a few other things & walked to East Sharon by East St & to Blue Hill. Elatines home. got the Elatine here 20 years ago.

# LYNNFIELD MAN <sup>1912</sup> 13 Aug KILLS RATTLER

Arthur W. Bryant of Lynnfield yesterday killed the first rattlesnake seen in that section for a number of years. It had 10 rattles and measured four feet.

The reptile was discovered in a hole in a field in which Frank Newhall had a number of men working. Bryant snatched up a horsewhip and lashed the snake to death.

ALL BREWSTER

56 1912 Cambridge: Charles Riv. Reser-

16 Aug. To Walter Deaner at 9.15  
Henshaw & W Faxon came  
along too, for the reclaimed  
salt meadow at foot of  
the mounds & hills by  
Cambridge City Cemetery.  
we found many things &  
W F is observing the area  
carefully & listing the  
plants to see what changes  
the ever constant fresh  
water will now make in  
the Flora of the Reservati-  
on & other shores of the Charles.  
I pressed a good many  
specimens. Home 3.27  
train.

The Thunder Shower of Aug 15 was  
 severe & close to us. A Pine  
 tree between barn & edge of the  
 Avenue was struck & badly  
 shattered: The telephone wire  
 is attached to this tree & I saw  
 from the Hall staircase  
 a fire ball run along the  
 wire & disappear at the  
 house, doing no damage  
 except to the telephone arrester.  
 but the tree above the point  
 where the telephone wire was  
 attached to it was badly  
 shattered & will have to  
 come down; strange we should  
 lose three pines by lightning in  
 6 weeks. & it's over 20  
 years since a tree was struck  
 here. Murch said to me  
 I have worked for you 23½  
 years & never till this year  
 has the lightning struck on the  
 place. The same storm  
 struck chimney of Bishop  
 Lawrence's unfurnished house  
 & skinned a man in the cellar  
 & another bolt hit elm tree  
 on the Cummings new lot place.

58 1912      Denver

Aug 21 Called on Mrs Page & brought  
back from her garden  
*Phycostegia virginiana* (L.) Benth.  
to name of press.

Aug 22 met C E F & W F at Hazelwood  
Station & into the S. B. R.  
by the woodpile road.  
first to the *Asplenium*  
*acrostichoides* & I took a  
specimen, then to a point  
just beyond and to the  
left of the path after passing  
one right hand road we found  
plenty of *Phegopteris hexag-*  
*anoptera*, the same place  
I took spec' two years ago.  
Thence to Muddy Pond  
where I picked *Gaylussacia*  
*divinosa* & then along a  
good grassy road westerly  
& 100 yards beyond a  
right angle turn in the road  
grows the *Castanea pumila*  
on the right hand, easy to  
miss: there was plenty of

good young fruit & I took two specimens: Had our lunch on high ledges north of this spot. Then walked to the Reservation Parkway drive & walked to Hyde Park: explored the Woodwardia areolata place and it was all Oenoclea: we parted at Hyde P. station.

Aug 24 Drove with Wm thro the Blue Hills and via the Hawk Hill road to West St and turned off West St to go to the Rock - Hemlock tree, the boundary post betw. Bramble & Juncy: it is at least half a mile from West St but we drove by a woodroad to within 100 ft of the little bridge crossing a now-almost dry brook: here was a rod square at least of Woodwardia in fine shape & I took one specimen: The Hemlock tree still flowering on the boulder: did not stop long to explore, & came home via the road at the base of the hills & along side of Monaquit brook.

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Carlisle & Lygodium

26 Aug. with C. E. F. & W. F. by 10 o'clock  
train to Lowell and by 11.07  
train to Carlisle. Thence  
south on the RR. to a meadow  
on Easterly side of RR:  
quartered back & forth  
on meadow & edge of upland  
on northerly side till W. F.  
hit on the patch of *Lygodium*  
*palmatum* covering an area  
of about a rod square &  
badly parched & twisted  
by drought & the hot sun.  
Its roots fine & small were  
deep down in the woodland  
debris of shrubs, grass & weeds  
but I got three or four specimens.  
on the northerly side of it and  
less than 50 feet away is the  
low stump of an enormous Oak  
wh. will be a landmark for  
many years, & this Oak is  
close to a wall & we followed  
that wall out to the highway,  
a short half mile & with  
open pasture on either side  
of the way of or the  
other to the fine old farm house  
at the cross roads where

we took Acton St & then Westford St to Carlisle Centre & so on to Bedford over the bridge on Concord River: the old farm house is or was the known as the Boynton farm, and the best way to be sure of finding the plant would be to come from station to the Boynton farm & having passed the front of the house continue on Acton St southerly for some three hundred feet to said wall & follow the wall down to the Oak stump on the South side of the wall.

The greatest danger to this locality for the Fern is from fire. But otherwise it looks as if it might continue growing there a long time.

I got *Asplenium radula* and *Solidago neglecta* & the meadow is worthy more extended study.

We called a moment on CW Jenkins at Bedford & got the 4.34 train for Boston. day quite uncomfortably hot.

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29 Aug: C & E came 9.35 & Wm drove us to Rock Hemlock Swamp in the Reservation and C & E was much surprised at the quantity of *Woodwardia areolata* & *Aspidium simulacrum* spread before his eyes. I took some of the *Woodwardia* to send to Prof Bower of the Glasgow University. Wm drove home & we walked the six miles back to the house via the nearly level road that comes to Randolph Turnpike near the fine cold spring. Here fine *Aster Herveyi* grew. & I took some odd *Viola fimbriatula* on the gravel bank by the roadside. The day was cool & bright an ideal August day for out doors. We reached home at 3.40 having had our lunch by the wayside.



6 Sept Took Wae + drove to the Stony Brook  
 Reservation along the Park way  
 till beyond Turtle pond then  
 up the path I marked the other  
 day + to the Chinquapin Chestnut  
 to show it to William: he  
 had seen the nest at the South  
 but never the tree bearing them.  
 Then to top of the Cliffs +  
 by various walking sketches  
 about the pond above +  
 below it and then along  
 the Park way to Readville  
 + home.

*Cornus arundinacea* very  
 plenty fine in one place.  
 Also one shrub not known  
 to me.

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7 Sept. To Doxham Road by the 10.10 train on which were C.E.F. & H.V.F. walked first to the Woodwardia virginica place & found near by plenty Aspidium simulatum. Then cross country to the brook where we had lunch, then up the brook abet & across country to the Woodwardia areolata runs where we found good specimens, and also in the woods Asplenium phyllitoides. Then to the Big Spring now covered with Lerna & then by paths & Everett St to Ellis Station & took 3.15 for home.

8 Sept Drove to the Pump on Parkway of S.B.R. and at 735 paces East of it on the Parkway & same side as Pump found on Rocky ledge the Corrus cir-  
cinata that C.E.F. told me of yesterday. Day hot & soon home again.

10 Sept. Walter Deane came 9.35 & I met him at station & drove to Purgatory via Ellis Station. Went in by path opp the house on left, that is the road where the cock fight was to take place some years ago. Visited the Big Spring & Hemlock grove & drove the two horses out by the old road leading to the or by the Forbes house. Thence along Deobham Road & to Elm St & thence to Summit St being forced off Elm St as they were laying large water pipes in Elm St. Home at 1 o'clock. collected hardly a thing, but WD took three or four specimens.

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18 Sept Drove with Wm to S B R going  
in by the old road almost  
opposite Mr Grews Driveway  
and to me a new way of  
entering the Reservation. The  
road ended in a gravel pit,  
that is the heavy cart worn-  
track for teaming but our  
woodland road went on & on  
till we finally came out at  
the car barns on the Dedham  
Turnpike not far from the  
Reservation Park way - Thence  
back on same road & down  
further almost to the Hyde  
Park meadows where we came  
to the Park way & went back  
on it to the pond and beyond  
to see the *Castanea pumila*  
its fruit is abt as when I last  
saw it. Thence back by the road  
on the West side of Parkway &  
coming out at the meadows.  
Took a few things, *Aster spectabilis*  
growing in gravel near the first  
road we were on & almost  
out to the car barns. *Pinus arbutus*  
var. *melanocarpa* which I have  
not often found & *Woodwardia virginica*

22 Sept Sunday. Wm drove me over to the Hemlock Rock Swamp as I saw Emile Williams yesterday & he told me he found the *Barbarea rotundifolia* there with me in 1894. As I had no specimen in my herbarium - I went in search of it and on the NE side of the Snake Bridge and abt 50 feet from it - I found a few specimens at the root of the bushes and in Sphagnum. This was all I saw after searching on both sides of the bridge. Also large leaved *Viola lanceolata* & *Carex folliculata* & *Dooreya rotundifolia* the peduncle ~~to~~ divided or branched into two heads of seeds pods. Came back at one o'clock with my finds in the press.

# HARVARD RECEIVES

1912 \$35,000 IN GIFTS

\$25,000 Is for Graduate Work in Museum of Comparative Zoology, and \$10,000 for Gray Herbarium.

Cambridge, Oct. 17.—Harvard college has just received and acknowledged a gift of \$25,000 from George R. Agassiz, to be used for the general use and improvement of the museum of comparative zoology.

This gift is only to be used for graduate work, and will enlarge the scope of the museum appreciably.

Another gift of \$10,000 was received from an anonymous friend. This is to be used for rebuilding the central portion of the front of Gray Herbarium.

George Murch  
our farmer & gardener  
died suddenly at 9 am  
Oct 14. 1912: he had  
worked for me twenty two  
years last May.

#### GEORGE MURCH.

George Murch, a well known resident of the Readville section of Milton, where he had long been employed as gardener on the estate of Dr. George G. Kennedy at Brush Hill road and Blue Hill avenue, died suddenly of heart disease at his home on Monday. Mr. Murch was an expert gardener and farmer. He was in his seventieth year. Mr. Murch was a native of England and was born in Bristol, April 1, 1843, son of James and Anna Murch. He leaves a widow. Funeral services were held Wednesday and the burial was at Fairview cemetery in Hyde Park.

Nov 18. Kelly moved into  
Murch's house, which I  
have repainted & repapered.

#### OCTOBER A WARM MONTH.

Sunshine Was Much Above Normal and  
There Was Little Rain.

Unusually warm and pleasant weather prevailed throughout October. The mean temperature of 54.3 degrees was 4.2 degrees above the average for the month, and the highest for October since 1908. Last year it was 49.5 degrees. The highest temperature reached was 81 degrees on the 6th and the minimum for the month was 30 degrees on the 16th. There was much less rain than usual, the total fall of 1.52 inches being 2.61 inches less than the normal amount and the least in October since 1909. In October, 1911, the total was 3.01 inches. A measurable amount of rain fell on eight days and the most in one day was .63 inch on the 24th.

The total rainfall for the ten months of 1912 of 31.22 inches is 7.05 inches less than the average amount, owing to marked deficiencies in February, June, September and October. There was less than the usual relative humidity, the mean for the month of 74.1 per cent being 5.0 per cent less than normal, as compared with 78.0 per cent in October, 1911. There was less than the usual cloudiness and 18 per cent more than the average amount of sunshine. There was less than the average amount of wind and the prevailing direction was west. The maximum velocity for the month was 48 miles per hour from the northwest on the 15th.

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Blue Hill Observatory.  
November 1, 1912.

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Nov 6 with CEF to Arlington to inspect Walter Faxon's new home a hired house on Bartlett Ave: then we walked up the ave a short distance & by a small pond (still with water in the season so dry) and into Menotomy Park or Devils Den as it used to be called, the path kept on to Wren's Orchard across ground for Frank Bolles in the Land of the Lingerer now: here we had our lunch & then on to Marsh St & im. found a fine specimen of the Scotch pine abt 8 ft high; we looked over to the open wide & dreary fields of the Golf Club & turning back went home by same path we had come. Then after cup of Tea & cakes we got 4.15 to Boston few or no birds.

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Jan 7.

One of the Milton Fire Dept  
tells me he saw a large  
flock of wild geese flying  
due South and high in air  
this morning.  
The expected cold wave  
they may have heard of.

#### BLUE HILL 1912 WEATHER

Year Slightly Warmer and Drier Than  
Normal, According to Observatory Sta-  
tistics

Blue Hill Observatory weather statistics for 1912 show that the year averaged slightly warmer than normal and, like the four preceding years, was deficient in precipitation. The mean temperature of 47.2 degrees was 0.2 degree above the average as compared with 47.8 degrees in 1911. The winter was unusually cold and nearly normal temperatures during the spring and summer were followed by a very warm autumn.

January was the coldest month in twenty-four years, and the long continued cold caused the ground to become frozen to a depth of five feet in February, a hitherto unrecorded depth for frost in this vicinity. The maximum temperature of the year of 99 degrees on July 9 was the highest temperature in 64 years with the exception of two days in July, 1911, when the same temperature was experienced. The minimum temperature of the year of 11 degrees below zero on Jan. 13 was the lowest recorded since 1907.

The total precipitation of 40.40 inches was 5.58 inches less than the normal amount, thus making 1912 the fifth consecutive year to be drier than the average. In 1911 the total was 44.62 inches and in 1910 it was 34.27 inches. Marked deficiencies in precipitation occurred in February, June, September and October, June being the driest month of any name on record at Blue Hill, the total rainfall being only .33 inch. More precipitation occurred in December than in any other month, the total of 5.73 inches serving to replenish the diminished water supply.

There was little wind throughout the year, the mean hourly velocity being only slightly higher than in 1911 when it was the lowest on record. The prevailing wind direction was west. Maximum velocities of 63 miles per hour were experienced on Feb. 22 and Dec. 30. The mean relative humidity was slightly higher than usual; there was the normal amount of cloudiness and slight excess of sunshine. Snow covered the ground on 69 days and the total fall was 53 inches, which is eight inches less than the normal amount.



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Jan 14 with C E F to Arlington to call  
 on A. F. Ther 20° in early  
 morning and abt 30 all day  
 long. with Indian Summer  
 sky and haze. After a  
 short stay in the house, we  
 walked around the lower  
 pond of the Mystic Lake: and  
 in a little pond hole on East  
 side of Pond & near old  
 cutting of the Middlesex Canal  
 found seven Song Sparrows  
 rather moping in the tangled  
 grass — It is one of W F's  
 old haunts for this & other  
 song birds. The Pond was  
 skinned over with thin ice  
 and in the middle was one  
 white gull and three black  
 ducks, but not the flocks  
 I had expected to see. We  
 munch'd our luncheon while  
 strolling on West side of the  
 Pond, after examining the fish  
 trap, which I remember to  
 have seen full of herring now  
 many years ago. At present  
 the lowering of the stream below  
 the Pond has covered all

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the water & makes a rushing  
current between the ponds.  
We came back to the village  
by the Cemetery & after hot  
tea & cakes & Shakespeare  
talk came home on the 4.15.

Jan 27 CEF and WF came out  
but spent the day in doors—  
I had a severe cold &  
it rained more or less all  
day. We discussed the  
curious weather of this  
winter.

## SWELLING BUDS IN DANGER

Winter-Kill May Be the Fate of Many  
Shrubs and Trees—Forsythia and Dandelions Bloom in New Bedford 1913

[From the New Bedford Standard, Jan. 25]  
Spring in January, buds swelling, early flowers blooming, and the grass growing green, are among the results of the surprising spell of warm winter weather which New Bedford has been experiencing this season. The probabilities of a severe cold snap the first of February, horticultural experts say, threaten many shrubs and trees with the danger of winter-kill.

William Keith, superintendent of the T. M. Stetson estate, told the Standard this morning that on the north side of the Thomas M. Stetson estate gate on Ash street, a forsythia has been blooming since shortly after Christmas, and was in bloom this week. He also reports that maple trees are bleeding at cuts and scars—an indication that the sap is running and a very unusual condition in January. A cold snap will raise the bark from the pith (which carries the sap) and endanger the trees with winter-kill.

"Buds of all kinds," Mr. Keith stated, "have swelled to a more or less degree. Unless the weather continues mild throughout the winter, the season will be hard on shrubs."

For twelve years Mr. Keith has kept careful records of the weather in connection with his work. He declares that taking the average of any three months of the year and comparing it with the average of any three months of the same season in other years, the difference is very slight. His records since 1903 shows the following weather conditions:

## JAN. 25

1913. Clear, light wind, northwest, high temperature (at 10 o'clock) 42; low, 32.

1912. Clear, light northwest wind, high temperature, 18; low, 7.

1911. Partly cloudy, light northwest wind, high temperature, 46; low, 25.

1910. Clear, light variable winds, mostly northwest to southwest; high temperature 28; low, 13.

1909. Partly cloudy; light winds, northwest to west; high, 45; low, 32.

1908. Partly cloudy, light winds, northwest to southwest. Blizzard of 15 inches of snow on Jan. 24. High temperature 32; low, 8.

1907. Snow, light winds, southeast to northeast. High, 24; low, 3. Thermometer at 13, Jan. 24.

1906. Light snow flurries. High wind, north to northeast. High temperature, 23; low, 17.

1905. Snow, northeast gale; a blizzard in afternoon and evening. High, 28; low, 24.

1904. Clear, blowy west wind. High, 20; low, 11.

1903. Snow, heavy fall. Light winds, northeast. High temperature, 31; low, 26.

Among the flowers that are reported in blossom are dandelions, tulips, pussy willows, pansies. Apple trees and shrub buds are swelling.

Dr. William G. Branscomb picked a snowdrop in his garden this morning.

## Crocuses and Snowdrops

But No Ice, Snow or Logging to Speak  
of About Rutland, Vt.

[From a Rutland (Vt.) despatch in the Burlington News]

The claim in floral catalogues that certain hardy bulbs will bloom beside a snow-bank is demonstrated on the lawn of Dr. Ray E. Smith in this city, where may be seen crocuses and snowdrops, the blossoms looking as fresh as on an ordinary April morning. These bulbs usually blossom out of door at Easter time.

The continued warm weather is causing buds of all the early flowering trees to swell and for weeks "pussy" willows have been in evidence. Not once this season has the thermometer reached the zero point in Rutland and only on four occasions in December and January has the early morning temperature been below 20°.

At no time has the snow been over three inches deep in Rutland and at the present

## JANUARY PHENOMENALLY MILD.

Warmest First Month of Year in 101  
Years According to Blue Hill Observ-  
atory.

Phenomenally mild weather prevailed throughout January, the month being the warmest of the name in the past 101 years, which is the length of weather observations in this vicinity. The mean temperature of 36.0 degrees was 10.9 degrees above normal and 3.9 degrees higher than the next warmest January, which occurred in 1906. In marked contrast, the mean temperature of January, 1912, was 17.7 degrees, the lowest for 24 years. In the month just closed, the temperature rose above freezing on six but four days and the highest reached was 60 degrees on the 6th. The lowest of the month was 8 degrees on the 9th.

There was frequent, though not heavy, precipitation throughout the month, the total being 3.21 inches, which is .91 inch less than the normal amount and .66 inch less than the total in January, 1912. An appreciable amount fell on 15 days, mostly in the form of rain, and the most in one day was 1.14 inches on the 8th. Two inches of snow fell during the month and this is the smallest snowfall in January on record at Blue Hill with the exception of 1911, when there was only one inch. The normal snowfall for the month is 16 inches and in January, 1912, there were 28 inches.

There was less than the usual relative humidity, the mean for the month being 69.9 per cent. There was 7 per cent. less than the usual amount of sunshine and somewhat more than the average cloudiness. There was more wind than customary and the prevailing direction was southwest, which is unusual in January. The maximum velocity of the month was 68 miles per hour from the south on the 3rd. This was the highest velocity in three years and was an accompaniment of the lowest barometer since November, 1904. The mean barometric pressure for the month, however, was decidedly above normal. At the end of the month there was no ice in the neighboring ponds and no frost in the ground.

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[From the New Bedford Standard, Jan. 26.]  
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William Keith, superintendent of the T. M. Stetson estate, told the Standard this morning that on the north side of the Thomas M. Stetson estate gate on Ash street, a forsythia has been blooming since shortly after Christmas, and was in bloom this week. He also reports that maple trees are bleeding at cuts and scars—an indication that the sap is running and a very unusual condition in January. A cold snap will raise the bark from the pith (which carries the sap) and endanger the trees with winter-kill.

"Buds of all kinds," Mr. Keith stated, "have swelled to a more or less degree. Unless the weather continues mild throughout the winter, the season will be hard on shrubs."

For twelve years Mr. Keith has kept careful records of the weather in connection with his work. He declares that taking the average of any three months of the year and comparing it with the average of any three months of the same season in other years, the difference is very slight. His records since 1903 shows the following weather conditions:

JAN. 23

1913. Clear, light wind, northwest, high temperature (at 10 o'clock) 42; low, 32.  
1912. Clear, light northwest wind, high temperature, 18; low, 7.

1911. Partly cloudy, light northwest wind, high temperature, 40; low, 23.

1910. Clear, light variable winds, mostly northwest to southwest; high temperature 28; low, 13.

1909. Partly cloudy; light winds, northwest to west; high, 45; low, 32.

1908. Partly cloudy, light winds, northwest to southwest. Blizzard of 15 inches of snow on Jan. 24. High temperature 32; low, 8.

1907. Snow, light winds, southeast to northeast. High, 24; low, 3. Thermometer at 13, Jan. 24.

1906. Light snow furries. High wind, north to northeast. High temperature, 20; low, 17.

1905. Snow, northeast gale; a blizzard in afternoon and evening. High, 23; low, 24.

1904. Clear, blowy, west wind. High, 20; low, 11.

1903. Snow, heavy fall. Light winds, northeast. High temperature, 31; low, 23.

Among the flowers that are reported in blossom are dandelions, tulips, pussy willows, pansies. Apple trees and shrub buds are swelling.

Dr. William G. Branscomb picked a snowdrop in his garden this morning.

## Crocuses and Snowdrops

But No Ice, Snow or Logging to Speak  
of About Rutland, Vt.

[From a Rutland (Vt.) despatch in the Burlington News.]

The claim in floral catalogues that certain hardy bulbs will bloom beside a snow-bank is demonstrated on the lawn of Dr. Ray E. Smith in this city, where may be seen crocuses and snowdrops, the blossoms looking as fresh as on an ordinary April morning. These bulbs usually blossom out of door at Easter time.

The continued warm weather is causing buds of all the early flowering trees to swell and for weeks "pussy" willows have been in evidence. Not once this season has the thermometer reached the zero point in Rutland and only on four occasions in December and January has the early morning temperature been below 20°.

At no time has the snow been over three inches deep in Rutland and at the present time there is none in the valleys and only an inch on the summit of Mt. Killington. Not a log has yet been moved out of the woods by lumbermen and no ice has been cut.

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the most in one day was 1.14 inches on

the 8th. Two inches of snow fell during

the month and this is the smallest

snowfall in January on record at Blue

Hill with the exception of 1911, when

there was only one inch. The normal

snowfall for the month is 16 inches and

in January, 1912, there were 28 inches.

There was less than the usual relative

humidity, the mean for the month

being 69.9 per cent. There was 7

per cent. less than the usual amount of

sunshine and somewhat more than the

average cloudiness. There was more

wind than customary and the prevailing

direction was southwest, which is

unusual in January. The maximum

velocity of the month was 68 miles per

hour from the south on the 3rd. This

was the highest velocity in three years

and was an accompaniment of the lowest

barometer since November, 1904. The

mean barometric pressure for the month,

however, was decidedly above normal.

At the end of the month there was no

ice in the neighboring ponds and no

frost in the ground.

L. A. Wells.

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13 Mch

Kal & I & C. E. F took the 9.51  
train to Lexington. met ~~Ed~~  
Walton Faxon he showed  
us the house in Lexington he  
is to move into Mch 28.  
It is near the old Hayes  
country place on what  
is called Dude Hill -  
Day dreary & cold but  
Blue Birds singing  
Back to Boston by one  
o'clock.

1913

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Apr. 1. To Lexington on the 9.51 Train with  
C. E. T. to call on W. F. in his  
new quarters 4 Upland Ave.  
we found him in a very pleasant  
well built house. The day  
was so cold & windy we could  
not be drawn from the fireside,  
but sat and talked till 12.30  
when we had a fine lunch of  
Beefsteak, mashed Potatoes,  
Sherry, Apple Pie & Tea  
in honor of our host in  
New Quarters. We ventured  
out at 3 o'clock but only to  
walk up Grannys Hill a steep  
eminence close behind the  
house, a hill of 350 feet  
with a small pond on top  
fit. We got the 4.02 train  
home.

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*Picea mariana*

Apr 2 when I drove to the station today I saw the Black Spruce by the Neponset meadow lane had fallen: the westerly gales had been too much for it, and perhaps it felt the loss of a willow and an elm recently cut down, which had long protected it. I got a specimen from the top of the tree & pressed it after boiling 10 minutes in water.

The Red Spruce still keeps its place, whether one or both these trees can be wild ~~and not~~ or planted I am unable to say —

Apr 4. NE wind & cloud all day, so we did not take the walk from Lexington to Waverley as planned.

PM I walked to the top of Blue & around the circle there measured distance by my Pedometer two and one half miles, following the path; & the distance from our front door & return to same point. Time One hour and 10 minutes.

#### MARCH MILD AND WET.

Vegetation Two Weeks More Advanced Than Usual According to Blue Hill Estimate. 1913

The weather throughout March was unusually mild and there were frequent rains. The mean temperature of 39.6 degrees was 6.1 degrees above normal and the highest in March since 1903. Last year it was 32.3 degrees. The temperature rose above freezing on all but two days and the highest reached was 69 degrees on the 25th. The lowest of the month was 4 degrees on the 8th. The total precipitation of 5.32 inches was .98 inch more than the average amount and the most in March since 1906. In March, 1912, the total was 5.26 inches. A measurable quantity of rain or snow fell on 16 days and the most in one day was 1.05 on the 27th. Two inches of snow fell during the month as compared with 11 inches in March, 1912.

The mean relative humidity of 69.6 per cent. was 2.0 per cent. less than normal, while last year the mean for the month was 68.2 per cent. There was slightly more than the usual cloudiness and 3 per cent. less than the average amount of sunshine. There was more wind than usual and the prevailing direction was west. The maximum velocity of the month was 64 miles per hour from the south on the 27th and there were gales on four other days. Thunder storms occurred on four days, the most on record for March. Ice disappeared from the neighboring ponds on the 14th, the earliest date since 1903. It is estimated that vegetation in this vicinity is two weeks more advanced than usual.

L. A. Wells.

Blue Hill Observatory.

April 6 Sunday  
Walter Deane &  
Wm Trelease  
dined with us.



# Blue Hill.

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lowers, who then received "competent masters of the misbehavior of his tel- den was required secretly to tell the yearly. Three times a year each stu- He was given one suit of clothes. dinner was eaten at 10 in the morning. bread and a pot of beer at dawn. His week. His breakfast was a piece of loanance of money was a piece of trology. He lived in college. His at- the most in one day" was 1.59" 52218e 27th. Two inches of snow fell during the month as compared with 11 inches in March, 1912.

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22 April 1913. C.E.F. & W.F. came out  
on the 9.55 & we walked  
to the Bloodroot wall opposite  
Peccant St on Elm St. The  
place has been bought by a  
Mr Lewis & he has made  
violent changes in pasture  
wood & meadow. Worst  
of all the beautiful cold  
Spring was a little walled  
in hole with a bit of  
water in it instead of the  
handsome meadow Spring  
of a few years ago —

I thought of my father's  
quoting a Scotch proverb  
"Don't insult the Spring".

Really I was heart broken  
and the finding a few  
Bloodroot blossoms in the  
foundation stones of the  
old pasture wall did not  
keep me much.

This passes away one of  
the most beautiful meadows  
in New England.

We walked thro. Peccant St  
& took the Electric cars home  
to our half past one luncheon  
with M.K. S.K. and Rachel.

24 April 1913

with C.E. by the 9.57 train  
to Lexington: W.F. at the station  
we went first to his house & then  
walked to the Paint Mill hill &  
had our lunch under the big  
hemlock tree: much cutting of wood  
beyond the little brook caused us  
to turn back & come again to  
W.F.'s house by the same road  
we had gone out. The day  
was hazy & very warm in feeling  
tho the Druggist's Ther was 76°  
at 3 o'clock. Saw very few  
almost no birds and were  
sorry to see so much ~~chase~~  
going on in all directions.  
Home on 4.02 for Lexington.

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Boxford..

26 Apr

With Mildred by 12.10 to Bales-  
gate: found the Bloodroot  
in fine flower. Had a cup of  
tea at the Inn & Mr May  
undertook to fetch us to the  
train at 2.45 in his new  
auto, but it balked going  
down the hill near the house  
& we jumping out hurried  
hastened & ran to the Station  
but were too late. The train  
rolled on to Danvers where  
we expected to call on Miss Page  
& we after waiting till 3.50  
took train for Haverhill &  
reached Boston 5.40.  
Sorry enough not to have  
succeeded in our wish to  
see dear Miss Page.

1913

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1 May with C. E. 7 to Concord by the 9.57 train. Beautiful day, walked via Nine acre corner to White Pond, hoping to find an Amelanchier that C. E. 7 found there years ago, and noted now a propos of Wiegand's visit yesterday to look over the group at the Arboretum. But so much deforestation has been done we had poor luck in finding just what C. E. 7 wanted, but brought back some specimens of the new laevis and the new stolomifera. place. Also in the dry exposed hollow where the trees were pretty much cut away was *Oryzopsis pungens* of which I took specimen. There was one large caespitose tuft of it. Walked back to the village had cup of tea in the Bakery and I called on Lulu before we took the 4.20 train. Pedometer distance 8 miles.

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5 May Monday. By 9.51 train with  
C. & F. to Lexington where we  
were joined by Dr. Tyler  
and all walked to Shaker  
Glen in Woburn: going over  
the ridge back of Mr. Faxon's  
house & thence to the Trotting  
Track where a few horses  
were on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile track.  
Alongside the fence were  
two splendid patches of Rhodora.  
We kept on to the Glen &  
had luncheon under a large  
hemlock on the edge of the  
rocky ravine with the brook  
below us. Found Anemone  
quinquefolia Wood. with 8  
sepals. After going almost  
to the South end of the Ravine  
we came back some ways  
and edging up the steep hill  
reached the highway near "the  
Berk house" a large & well  
appointed Faxon house, known  
to many who visit the Glen.  
Here we walked quarter of a  
mile to the Lexington town line  
& took Electric for Lexington.  
The day was very warm.

The Boston official heat being  $78^{\circ}$  at 2 P.M. One of the sights was a beautiful Scarlet Tanager which came to a limb & sat in plain view for some minutes. and the Phoebe's nest with 3 eggs in it on the under side of crack in the ledge, just the way the Phoebe must have built their nest before the white man landed on these shores.

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10 May

C. E. F. & I by 8.54 train to Ayer  
expecting to meet W. F. and  
Mr Goodspeed the book seller  
in auto at the Ayer station.  
Mr G was to pilot us to  
some large pines in Shirley.

C. E. F. & I waited at the station  
fr. 10.20 to 11.50 & then started  
to walk to the region of  
Molpus brook; we were  
abt a mile on our course  
when the auto came after  
us having been delayed by  
a "fire burst" so we got  
in & all proceeded abt a  
mile further to a saw mill  
already engaged in sawing  
up the pine in the area  
we were in search of.  
A pleasant voiced Engineer  
of the steam saw mill put  
us on the track and after  
crossing Molpus brook ~~by~~  
near the mill we kept the  
right hand road and  
over five bridges, as the  
engineer repeated to us  
and always taking right  
hand turn on a walk of



about 10 to 15 minutes we were in the pine area, we found only two large trees, one nine (9) feet 2 inches & the other nearer the brook 11 feet 5 in, both straight & fine specimens of the timber pine: the 11.5 specimen is the largest timber pine we have yet measured for the 11ft 6 in. at Rindge, N.H. was a Bull Pine near the school house corner. We came back to the Saw mill and walked the highway to Shirley Centre and met Mr Goodspeed coming back for us & were soon at his bungalow where his wife had ready for us a nice cup of coffee. C. & F. found *Viburnum opulus* wild by one of the five bridges. Day was phenomenally raw & cold, North west wind & abt  $40^{\circ}$  of the Ther. all day, but our brisk walk and very little auto rides kept us all comfortable.

86 1913

Monday  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
12

C. E. F. came 9.35 train, Walter was detained at home because his "farmer" had come to help plant the garden. We took Electric car to Pleasant St. Canton and at Reservoir Pond C. E. F. got *Salix nigra* for the Arboretum. Then we went by a new road to the Wampashuck Golf Club intending to come out at Indian Pond on Houghton Turnpike, we had lunch by the roadside, but we kept too steadily to each other every right hand turning finally emerged near a farm house where the good woman told us we were on Pleasant St. again and abt two miles from Houghton so we came back along Pleasant St. took Electric for home.

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14 May I went by the 9.59 train on the Fitchburg RR to Stony Brook to collect the white flowers so conspicuous in the meadow. All the flowers are double but for the foliage it appears to be *Cardamine pratensis*. Dr. Beeve (who has been here this Wednesday afternoon) tells me Austin his son had found it in the Kendall Green brook within a mile or two of the present station.

Also on some rocks in the wet cow pasture near the S. B. station was *Carex* *depressa* & on the bank of the brook ~~in~~ (Maltheam side) was ~~Carex~~ *Stolonifera* or something that might suggest it, as also *Salix nigra*. I left S. B. at 12.43 & to Readville by the 2.09 train —

88 1913  
Sperry Brook Station

20 May. with C. & F. 9.51 train to  
Lexington had an hour  
with W. F. and then took car  
for Waltham. at end of route  
walked to Sperry Brook  
via Weston St. Had our  
lunch in pasture by roadside  
& then in the rocky muddy  
cow pasture showed C. & F.  
W. F. the *Cardamine pratensis*,  
looked in vain for any of the  
*Carex deplexa* of which I  
left a dozen or more tufts in  
the ledgy rock, but as the  
cows invaded the place  
just as we were leaving &  
evidently came there for  
what they could find edible,  
I am convinced they have  
eaten my *Carex deplexa*.  
Got some *Cardamine Pennsylv.*  
& on the bridge over brook  
skinnake *Salix nigra* &  
the *Cornus* plant near.  
Then we walked some  
three miles to Roberts  
Station by the road  
on the Weston side of the

brook & bringing us en route  
 very near to Riverside & at  
 the foot of Doublet Hill.  
 We came home by the Hoselock  
 to Roberts station & through  
 Watertown. Day fair & fine

- 21 May: Having in mind my  
 yesterday's disappointment  
 I went this morning to look at  
 the *Carex deplexa* Rock  
 at the Spring on Hillside St  
 in the Blue Hill Reservation.  
 Four tufts only could I  
 find: I left them untouched  
 and if not disturbed I  
 suppose they will dry up  
 & disappear under the  
 hot sun of some June day.  
 Next year I much seek  
 them again in the Spring  
 Brook cow pasture before  
 the cows are let out for  
 their first Spring nibble —

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Dennis McCarthy.

23 May Took Dennis in limousine  
 to Harvard Sq. to the Tubercular  
 Hospital on Garden St. at  
 the Belmont line, and agreed  
 to be responsible for the  
 expense for four weeks at  
 ten dollars per week, and at  
 the end of that time it is expected  
 he can have a place in the  
 State Hospital free of charge.  
 Telephone Belmont 430.  
 Matron Miss Simpson.  
 address 799 Concord Ave.  
 Belmont Branch, Boston P.B.

Geo G Crocker: 23 May 1913  
 heard today from Harry Grague  
 of Geo Crocker's serious illness  
 beginning with convulsions at  
 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning.

26 May George died at 6 P.M.

CROCKER—In Cohasset, Mass., May 20th, George  
 Glover Crocker, 69 yrs. Services at his home  
 in Cohasset, Thursday, May 20th, at 2.15 P. M.  
 Special cars on train leaving South Station at  
 12.40. Returning at 3.24, due in Boston, 4.20  
 P. M.

PAGE—At Danvers, May 27th, Miss Anne L.  
 Page, in the 85th year of her age. Funeral ser-  
 vices at her late residence on Thursday, May  
 28th, at 3.15 P. M. Train leaving North Station  
 at 2.00 will be met at Salem by special electric  
 for Danvers.

26 May. On 9.51 to Concord with C & F  
 and W. F. joined us at Lexington.  
 We walked back on the RR  
 and climbed up high bank to  
 reach Concord Cemetery.  
 at the RR fence found a  
 fine bush of *Cornus stolonifera*  
 & took specimens. Then by  
 cart path to hill at rear  
 of the Cemetery where we  
 found *Phegopteris Dryopteris*  
 in a place W. F. has long  
 known: then thro the  
 cemetery past Emerson's &  
 Thoreau's graves & on to  
 Sam Hoar's pond, in Fairyland  
 a part of the woods near Malden.  
 Here we sat down to our  
 lunch in full sight of a  
 nesting place of the Brown  
 Creeper. We saw both the  
 male & female go back &  
 forth to the nest, no doubt  
 feeding the young ones. The  
 nest was built up from the  
 broken bark of an old but  
 not large white Oak: we  
 also went after lunch by  
 water road to a pasture

1913

nest W F said had 16 eggs:  
we found the place & the  
setting bird flew to the  
nest: it contained 11 eggs  
W F wondered what had  
happened to the others.

As W F knew of another  
Brown Creeper nest near  
Munroe Station and as  
we all agreed it would be  
a fine thing to find two  
Brown Creeper nest the  
same day, we walked  
back to Concord village  
& took the ~~two~~ two o'clock  
car for Lexington via Bedford  
and were at Munroe Station  
at 2.50: thence by cart path  
Eastwardly thro the cult.  
lands of the Brock Robinson  
Floral Company and in  
about twenty minutes were  
at the place. At this time the  
nest was in the loosened bark  
of a rather small black oak,  
it being standing on a stump, rock  
could look in & see in the  
midst of moss & one egg in  
sight the others covered.



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We walked back to the RR Station  
got 4.02 to Boston  
after one of our pleasantest  
walks.

31 May The record for May 14. 1912  
- will do for today, as we  
three went over the same  
road, & took the 4.17 train  
to Boston. Day very fine.  
I did not however "check"  
the distance by my Pedometer.  
I dropped it on the floor abt  
a week ago & must have it  
fixed before again using it.

June 2 Letter of Mr A. K. Buck from  
Rostock Germany.

94 1913

3 Aug.  
June

Day very brilliant with  
fresh South wind.

C. & T. came out on the 9.35  
train, but Walter had gone  
to Bellingham today in an  
auto with Dr. Tyler & Lexington.

We took electric to Pleasant  
St. Canton & at Reservoir

Pond took good *Salix* ~~alba~~  
*the nigra* in young fruit.

We walked in to the  
Wampatuck Golf Club  
house & an attendant told  
us the road went thro  
to Shoughton Turnpike, a  
statement we proved true  
in about twenty minutes:

thence we walk so on the  
Turnpike by the very wet  
path into Indian Pond,  
found no *Calla palustris*  
which used to be so abundant  
there & finally lunched at

Scissors Mill Brook just  
at the Shoughton & Canton  
boundary line; here we  
rested & stalked and gazed  
on the meadow: the  
dwelling house has been  
burned, the barn alone intact.

We walked back 3 miles to  
 Pookapog car for home at  
 3.25. By the wall on  
 Blue Hill. We took a fine  
*Oenothera umbellatum*  
 new to our land.

96 1913

June 7

CE7 & I to Lexington 9.57 train.  
After a long series of cool  
days this began warm  
ther 87° on Walker Tapers  
Prairie: we remained in  
boots till 12 o'clock & then  
"out for a walk": meeting  
Dr Piper a young Lex. Doctor  
he told us of *Minimus mos-*  
*chagos* in the ditchy brook  
opp Parker St on the  
Concord Road. So went &  
found it, a ~~ma~~ crowded  
fine bunches of vigorous  
plants, with very few fls:  
an immigrant from the West.  
By reaching down the bank  
into the cool water & black  
soft mud I got three or  
four specimens, but I guess  
better may be easier had  
latter on. Then we continued  
to the lane with big pine  
on right & fine white oak  
on left in the field: here  
we sat down for lunch under  
the oak. This is a tree we  
measured some time ago  
but W. F. enchanted with its  
fine appearance this year

Lex: White Oak.

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would, but the take on it again:  
Its girth 10 feet 3 inches  
Spread 92 feet.

not the biggest size, but a  
fine spread & no dead wood:  
just in the prime of its years.

Then came a low grove  
of thunders which my ears  
not only heard but interpreted  
and not exactly with haste  
but with regular footsteps  
we followed round the  
swamp which we had hoped  
to explore, & with due haste  
(later with undue haste)  
we reached ~~the~~ the house as  
the first drops fell — but  
none too soon for a violent  
tempest, with rain hail and  
lightning beat upon the house  
in great shape: we watched it  
& on somewhat of a cessation  
we reached the station for the  
Hick train, which was 20 m. late.  
On arrival at Readville met  
Prof. Emerton & Mr. Briggs a  
journey boatman with him:  
they had walked from Hoozie  
Pine, the storm having broken up  
service on the Canton Electric.

98 1913.

9 June

Between 4 to 6 walked on Blue Hill Reservation by Chestnut Run Path & Crossman's Road (the old Crossman house has been torn down) & home by Canton Ave.

Never saw the Mosquitoes so many & so ravenous.

Day cloudy warm & no wind.

Medford:

10 June

C & E & W & I came to Durham where I joined them & we took the 10.07 car for Medford. Rode to Dwight St in Millis & then walked back to the Moon Hill Road after a short diversion to the Camasung Road, worth doing out leading directly back to the village. So we soon got on the Moon Hill Road & had our lunch at the main farm by the little Mill Pond Brook. One large patch of yellow buttercup in the middle of the little pond after lunch we walked by

the farm road & path quite a piece back to the edge of the woods, towards Moon Hill, but only a little way prob. towards the path. I picked some very fine *Leucothoe racemosa*.

Back to the Moon Hill Road to Medfield village by the long straight hot high road.

The road thro the woods was as fresh & beautiful as ever, as fine a wood walk as I know & the Big Pines stand erect & fine as when Mr Whorf first showed them to us.

We got 3 o'clock car to Dedham and the 4.14 train to Boston: this train having last year given up stopping at Readville I kept on to Hyde Park where Wm met me.

24 June Lexington: C & F rd by the  
 Electric to Sullivan Square.  
 W & F was waiting at home  
 for us & we soon set out for  
 the Swamp, passing the  
 Mimulus place where the  
 yellow flowers would be  
 very conspicuous were there  
 fewer leaves: it's a true  
 ditch plant. We went  
 into the Swamp by the  
 swimming tank for boys who  
 can swim: a sign notifies  
 the public it is ~~about~~ 11 feet  
 deep: we found Aspid-  
 trichum & Clintonia  
 & Sparganium: had our  
 lunch at foot of dry stump  
 & then out by same path as  
 we entered: the day was  
 rapidly getting hot & clouds  
 looked threatening, so we took  
 the Electric back via Harvard  
 Square & as it was Rachel's  
 receiving day we call on them  
 fortunately no other callers  
 came at same moment, so  
 Sinclair & Rachel served us  
 Holly & Ginger Ale.



28 June: had auto at front door at 8.45  
drove to Dedham RR Station  
for C. & F. at 9.31. W. Taxon  
did not come as he is busy  
in the Lex. swamp with the  
Brewster warblers there breeding.  
We autoed to Medfield &  
Mr & Mrs Grew (C.W.) met us  
at corner Causeway St &  
Electric car line. Went in  
auto to wood road on  
Causeway St, there left the  
auto, put on Rubber Boots  
and with Mr & Mrs Grew as  
guides took cart road into  
the swamp. Did not take  
the first right hand road  
but kept on to the point  
where we expected to use  
rubber boots at the brook.  
here a good bridge had been  
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We had no difficulty in finding the bridge coming back thanks to Mr. Grew's wood craft. He had not been there for several years. We all came out to the autos & after bidding the Grews good bye we took road to East Walpole & on Conny St. the main road to Sharon came to Mr. Jack's new house in say one mile to East Walpole & just within Sharon line. The house is not yet finished and there is an extensive arborvitae & garden. Malorns are his specialty. He sold some very fine ones last year. We reached home via Sharon Canton at 1 o'clock for lunch & then saw Hal's Iris garden —

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**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER.**

You are hereby required on or before Dec. 1, 1913, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town.

This notification is in accordance with Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, which requires cities and towns to destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests of the gypsy and brown tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work, in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 6, Chapter 381, on reverse.)

The selectmen ask owners and tenants to co-operate with the town in its work on highways and other public grounds by doing effective work on their premises. Citizens who have cleaned their premises of the moths, but find their trees endangered by the neglect of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the selectmen. The infestation of a residential neighborhood by the neglect of a few will not be tolerated.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with creosote. They should never be scraped off the object on which they are laid. Careful search should be made for gypsy moth egg clusters, not only on trees but also on house walls, stone walls, fences and in rubbish heaps, etc. Trees in which cavities occur and which it is not desirable to cut should have the cavities filled and cemented. This is important. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by cutting and burning worthless brush, hollow trees, etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property owner and the community than a large number of neglected trees.

The nests of the brown tail moth should be cut from the trees, carefully collected and burned in a stove or furnace.

We cannot express too strongly the necessity for continuing the energetic work against these pests, and we earnestly recommend that you entrust the care of your property to the Local Superintendent during the ensuing year. Should you prefer to take care of your own property, kindly notify the Local Superintendent to that effect. (Box 43, Milton, Mass.)

If no reply is received before December 2nd, 1913, it will be assumed that you wish the Local Superintendent to do whatever is necessary on your premises until November 1st, 1914.

Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, Nathaniel T. Kidder, Box 43, Milton, Mass., or from the State Forester, Room 1009, 6 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Work done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made.

HENRY H. BARNES,  
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SECTION 6. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town shall, on or before the first day of November in each year, and at such other times as he or they shall see fit, or as the state superintendent may order, cause a notice to be sent to the owner or owners, so far as can be ascertained, of every parcel of land therein which is infested with said moths; or, if such notification appears to be impracticable, then by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests of said moths shall be destroyed within a time specified in the notice.

When, in the opinion of the mayor or selectmen, the cost of destroying such eggs, caterpillars, pupæ and nests on lands contiguous and held under one ownership in a city or town shall exceed one half of one per cent. of the assessed value of said lands, then a part of said premises on which said eggs, caterpillars, pupæ or nests shall be destroyed may be designated in such notice, and such requirement shall not apply to the remainder of said premises. The mayor or selectmen may designate the manner in which such work shall be done, but all work done under this section shall be subject to the approval of the state superintendent.

If the owner or owners shall fail to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupæ or nests in accordance with the requirements of the said notice, then the city or town, acting by the public officer or board of such city or town designated or appointed as aforesaid, shall, subject to the approval of the said superintendent, destroy the same, and the amount actually expended thereon, not exceeding one half of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of said lands, as heretofore specified in this section, shall be assessed upon the said lands; and such an amount in addition as shall be required shall be apportioned between the city or town and the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of section four of this act. The amounts to be assessed upon private estate as herein provided shall be assessed and collected, and shall be a lien on said estates, in the same manner and with the same effect as is provided in the case of assessments for street watering.

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## 80 BLACK BEARS KILLED IN VERMONT

**BURLINGTON, Vt., Aug. 7.**—Eighty black bears were killed in Vermont during the fiscal year which closed on July 1 last, as compared with 60 for the preceding year, according to an announcement made today by State Auditor Graham. In the same time 31 bay lynx were killed, as against 120 for the previous year. Bounty was paid on 27,000 hedge hogs killed during the 12 months up to July 1.

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Have your fling! Go it! Be merry while ye may! But rest assured that you are preparing such a hideous, nauseating, abominable and utterly soul-destroying pestilence of Puritanism as your eyes have never seen!

## NEW EXCISE LAW HITS 1913 WOMEN AT CAPITAL

**WASHINGTON, July 2.**—The new excise law of the District of Columbia passed by Congress last session went into effect July 1, and there was a noticeable falling off in attendance at summer gardens.

The law is somewhat of a novelty in excise regulation.

It provides that women shall not be served except in restaurants, and a woman unaccompanied cannot get any liquor refreshments, even in a restaurant.

Boys under 18 years old were not permitted to deliver papers or anything else in a place where liquor was sold. Strictly construed, the measure prevents a female or a minor even from entering a grocery store where liquor is sold.

Formerly clubs remained open all night. Now the clubs will close at 1 a.m. Under the old law the drinking places opened at 4 o'clock in the morning. Now everybody will have to go dry until 7.

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8 July yesterday my sister Lulus 63<sup>rd</sup>  
birthday. I visited her at  
Concord, joined her in lunch  
+ staid till the 3.53 train: she  
told me about Emerson's  
friend & protegee Newcomb  
whose portrait is in the 8<sup>th</sup> vol  
of Emerson's Journal & who was  
a distant cousin of Florence  
Holland. Coming home I  
saw on the R.R track near  
Kills Crossing a strange looking  
flower. So this morning I took  
the 8 o'clock train to Boston  
and the 8.59 to the crossing &  
the flower was *Desmodium*  
*Condense* a fine specimen.  
I came back to town on  
the 9.25 with the flower &  
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the 12.30 car at Mattapan &  
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the time I left the house.  
Day a beautiful summer  
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## Magnolia Swamp.

16 July Wednesday. C. E. & I by the 9:35 train to Manchester. Mr Boyle the stable keeper recommended by Mr Brew had team & boy ready to take us to Mr Young the Tree Warden. He joined us at his house on the Gloucester Road. Drove abt 3 miles to the boundary line betw M. and Gloucester & in another mile reached a cross Road where we turned towards West Gloucester. Followed among the rocks & ledges for a few hundred feet. Here we left the team & followed by a path or trail (not made for teams) & went in some quarter of a mile & then Mr Young branched off on either side while we waited on the path. Here I found our first specimen a young bush abt 3 ft high & 10 years for more than leaves. Soon Mr Young joined us not having seen any, so we



went out on the Rocky cart road  
 among glacial boulders &  
 Mr. Jones went down again  
 into the swamp in a place a  
 little west of the former trail.  
 In about ten minutes  
 he appeared again bearing one  
 magnolia flower. We joined  
 him for further exploration.  
 We found here five shrubs  
 in flower & past flower &  
 took specimens: we also  
 found *Habenaria blepharolobis*  
 in beautiful white blossom.  
 We came out of the swamp  
 into the road farther up  
 the hillside of rocks: we  
 walked down to the team &  
 turned off at the West Glou-  
 cester road, a state road  
 not sunny. We sent the team  
 back & we walked by that  
 hot road to the West Gloucester  
 RR station, having our lunch  
 under a tree a little  
 off the road. Train to B at 2.56  
 & I got 4.41 to Rendville.  
 The Magnolia will soon be  
 exterminated in this swamp.

3 Aug. Harry & Mrs. Sprague have taken the Jeffries' house for a few weeks. I called this morning & took Harry to see. We measured the Asherton St Elm by tape just below the sticky band around the tree; & made it 13 ft 9 in around. I measured the same tree some time ago & the record is in one of these diary vols. We drove thro Col Russell's place & Harland St home. Day very warm —

5 Aug. C.E. & I to Lexington by electric & had our lunch with W.F. in his dining room at 12 o'clock. Then to walk along the Smith Road after having seen & approved his garden. The *Scilla peruviana* that I had pulled up with a well-saved taproot is doing finely; its leaves making a fine show, while we could not find one plant on the rocky hillside of Lincoln Road. We came back to the 4.17 train home.

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The situation is very confusing. The decision that has been rendered confounds both the phraseology of the law and the consensus of the dictionaries, and it leaves the immigration officials no definite standard for their guidance hereafter. Is it to be used as a precedent? If so we do not see how anyone can be kept out of the country because of any views he may hold or acts committed in advancing them, unless an actual fugitive from justice. An anarchist under any other name is no less fragrant, but he evidently stands a better chance of working his propaganda.

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## I WOULD NOT LIVE ALWAY.

I would not live alway—live alway below!  
O, no, I'll not linger when bidden to go;  
The days of our pilgrimage granted us here,  
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for  
its cheer,  
Would I shrink from the path which the  
prophets of God,  
Apostles and martyrs, so joyfully trod?  
While brethren and friends are all hastening home,  
Like a spirit unblest, o'er the earth would I roam?

I would not live alway—I ask not to stay,  
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way;  
Where seeking for rest, I but hover around,  
Like the patriarch's bird, and no resting

is found;  
Where hope, when she paints her gay bow on the air,  
Leaves its brilliancy to fade in the night  
of despair,  
And joy's beaming angel ne'er sheds a glad ray,  
Save the gleam of the plumage that bears him away.

I would not live alway—thus fettered by sin;  
Temptation without, and corruption within;

In a moment of strength, if I sever the chain,  
Scarce the victory is mine ere I'm captive again;

E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,  
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitential tears.

The festival trump calls for jubilant songs,  
But my spirit here own misere prolongs.  
I would not live alway—no, welcome the tomb,  
Immortality's lamp burns there bright mid the gloom;

There, too, is the pillow where Christ bowed his head;  
O! soft be my slumbers on that holy bed,  
And then the glad morn soon to follow that night,

When the sunrise of glory shall burst on my sight,  
And the full matin song, as the sleepers arise  
To shout in the morning, shall peal through the skies.

Who, would live alway? away from his God,  
Away from you heaven, that blissful abode,

Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,  
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns;  
Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet.

Their Savior and brethren transported to greet,  
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll.

And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul!  
That heavenly music! what is it I hear?  
The notes of the harpers ring sweet on mine ear.

And see, soft unfolding those portals of gold;  
The King all arrayed in his beauty behold!  
O! give me, O! give me the wings of a dove!

Let me hasten my flight to those mansions above;  
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colored floral designs, II. I.  
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America's Temporary Home.  
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After having answered a score of ques-  
tions they were admitted as merchants  
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back in Springfield where he was a re-  
sident once before. Among the  
Americans for nearly 20 years, and has been to  
China, Japan, Spain, Africa, and all parts of the  
world.

Let us hasten my flight to those mansions  
above;  
Aye, 'tis now that my soul on swift pinons  
would soar,  
And in the ether earth adieu forevermore."  
—William Augustus Muhlenberg.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,  
JAMAICA PLAIN,  
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This is the passage I spoke of.

"The trucks and sledges used for the heavier wood are returned to the top of the hill by the aid of cattle and with regard to these a curious and interesting point was mentioned. The cattle used for this purpose are all hermaphrodites. These animals, to the extent of probably not more than one per cent., are born regularly in the Brumig district and are reserved as far as possible for forest work. From 750 to 800 francs is the price of such an animal, whilst a normal animal of either sex, or a bullock, can be procured for 600 francs."

Kew Bull. Miscell. Information  
1913. No. 7. p. 274.

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## FAMILIAR FALL FLOWERS.

(Pittsburg Post.)

Now cleopendron grows apace where there are open fields;

The solidago memorialis offers wondrous yields.

Now Indicum compositae is in full bloom, it seems,

And in the parks callistephus chinensis proudly gleams.

The phacelia multiflora makes the meadows gay;

The gorgeous gentiana tribe grows tall and has its day.

The anemone is a flame along the garden wall;

And all these nice plants, as you know, are heralds of the Fall.

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1 o'clock

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21 Nov. In auto with M. A. D. to  
North Weymouth Cemetery to  
look at the White Tomb  
where Mr. Hardwick was  
buried: his family propose  
to place a marble door  
at the Tomb, instead of the  
temporary wooden one & the  
door to bear a record of  
the bodies interred. Came  
back via Weymouth and  
measured the Elm tree by  
the brook & near the road at  
the old James White House:  
It was 12 ft 5 in in circumference  
3 ft 6 in from the ground: ~~just~~  
two inches or so above the  
band of Tarred paper. The  
brook and old <sup>Car</sup> yard  
were the same as 50 yrs ago.  
Came home via Pleasant St  
Milton & Hillside St around  
Blue Hill. Measured an Elm  
on Pleasant St near Sun Hill  
St: a fine shaped tree, 10 ft  
and two (2) inches around.

## OF INTEREST TO BIRD LOVERS.

To the Editor of the Milton Record:

The Brush Hill Bird club has under taken an educational campaign to interest the people of Milton in our bird life. In brief, we have already accomplished the following: The set of three Audubon charts a copy of Trafton's book on Methods of Attracting Birds, and the poster issued by the Fish and Game Protective Association, giving the Federal Migratory Bird Laws and the State Game Laws, have been furnished to each public school in the Township. The same outfit has been placed in the main library, the four branch reading rooms, as well as in the Brush Hill school. The charts and poster have been presented to the trustees of Cunningham Park to be hung in the entry of the Gymnasium Building, as the Brush Hill Bird club had suggested the possibility of using the Cunningham Park Convalescent Home area as a bird sanctuary. This suggestion has been met most cordially by the manager of Cunningham Park, and plans are underway to have nesting boxes and a feeding tray near the caretaker's house.

On January 19, under the auspices of the club, an exhibition will open at the Town Library Art Room, where specimens of berry-bearing shrubs and trees, as well as those retaining their seeds in winter, are to be exhibited. All of these have been collected during the month of December. This collection is carefully named, so that any one being attracted by a special kind of berry may order the plant. The club would suggest the planting of some berry-bearing shrub for the birds of our Township on Arbor Day in addition to the tree planting, which is becoming more and more the pleasure and duty of our citizens. Some 25 samples of grains will be exhibited. The difference between Japanese and French millet seed will be quite evident by the specimens shown. Ant eggs, collected by the peasants of Germany, find their way to our shores in commerce, and cannot but awaken interest. Dried Elder berries, prickly ash berries, and sumac berries will be shown. This collection of berry-bearing shrubs and trees should interest not only bird lovers but botanists as well. The variety and colors of the berries will be a revelation to the majority of persons visiting this exhibit. Over 100 will be shown. There are no pressed specimens, the twigs and fruit are in their natural condition.

In addition to all this, samples of nesting boxes, manufactured by various makers in the country, bird baths and feeding trays will be shown, as well as a selected list of good books on bird life, and copies of the books themselves will be shown.

Another field which it is hoped will be covered by this exhibit is the barks of trees and other objects containing the larvae of insects or egg clusters which birds feed on during the winter months. This is of great economic importance and shows conclusively the importance of our feathered neighbors to the agricultural life of man.

Under the auspices of the Brush Hill Bird club, on January 27 at 4 o'clock, at the Vose Schoolhouse Assembly room, the State Ornithologist, Mr. Edward H. Forbush, will lecture to the school children and their parents and friends on bird life and methods of making nesting boxes and feeding trays, which the children can make at home. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon slides and will be not only instructive but full of interest. It is free to all.

In connection with this general educational campaign the Milton Woman's Club has scheduled a meeting for February 2, at which Mr. Winthrop Packard will deliver a lecture on bird life.

It is hoped that the parents of the school children will make a special effort to avail themselves of this lecture by Mr. Forbush on Jan. 27, and the lecture by Mr. Packard on Feb. 2, as the one will supplement the other in a most helpful way. It is hoped that nobody in town will miss seeing the exhibition, which is to run from January 19 to February 17. Make a note to go to this exhibition early, as in a heated room the berries are sure to wither and the beauty of them will be greatest during the first week or ten days of the show.

Brush Hill Bird Club,

By Harris Kennedy,

General Manager.

To the Editor of the Milton Record:

A good deal has been said and written first and last about telling the age of a tree by the rings or layers of growth. It recently became necessary to cut down a very large elm on Brush Hill Road, about opposite Metropolitan avenue. It would be interesting to know, were it possible to find out, what causes the death of a tree like this, which a very few years ago appeared to be in very good condition. Of course elm leaf beetles have something to do with it, but that alone would seem scarcely to be sufficient to kill it. It would seem as if perhaps the building up of the road at this place may come into it also.

The object of this letter was not the discussion of reasons for trees dying, but whether it is possible to tell the age by the layer of growth. In this tree the layers could be counted readily up to about ninety, beyond that they became rather confused; but allowing a certain amount for estimate, it would seem that the tree was only one hundred and ten years old. The main object of writing about it is to find out if anyone in Milton has authentic information as to when the tree was planted. The writer would have estimated the age as considerably greater than the rings seemed to show.

Nathaniel T. Kidder.

## WILL VISIT HERBARIUMS.

Third Outing of Education Society  
Natural History Committee Called For  
December 6.

The Natural History Committee of the Education society will conduct its third outing for this season on Dec. 6. Gray Herbarium and the Herbarium of the New England Botanical Club at Cambridge will be visited and Prof. Merritt L. Fernald of the Botanical Department of Harvard University will act as leader.

Prof. Fernald has agreed to show the party not only the treasures of these two great botanical collections, but to give them an informal talk on his special line of geographical distribution of plants and their dependence upon the geological strata.

The party should meet at Harvard Square Subway station at 2.15, from which place Huron avenue car is taken to Bond street and the walk to the Gray Herbarium made. Dr. Kennedy will be at the Harvard Square station at 2.15 sharp to conduct the party to the Herbarium.

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Feb 5 Fine day Ther  $35^{\circ}$ . walked down the Kemmerway Road & across to Hillside St & then to Hoosie Pond, after calling at Mason Harmlins house (he not at home) then by old path to the Reservation Road home: just as I came down the path by the Clayton house met the flock of Pine Grosbeaks that have been about here several weeks. One fine male bird flew down to the ground not over six feet from me & waited while I studied him with my little opera glasses. There must have been as many as fifteen, as I counted eleven feeding on the Acer platanoides buds & fruit from the two large trees on Roger Wolcotts land opp the Clayton Barn. Its a long time since I have had a walk worth recording.



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April 28. 10 AM what odds if the  
ther is rapidly falling, 35° now  
the rain & wind are beating on  
the North East side of the house,  
we have lived our day yester-  
day and have summer memo-  
ries only as we listen to the  
wind: for yesterday was the  
finest summer day ever seen  
in March.

I met C. E. F. at Park St Church  
at 10.05 the car being delayed  
fifteen minutes by a blockade  
on Baylston St. So when we  
reached Lexington P.O. - no Walter  
Taxon could be found, so  
we walked up to his house  
& found he had gone out, not  
to return till summer time,  
so we hoped he had taken  
the Peacock Farm Bird walk,  
which had been originally  
planned for today. So we  
followed after by the Maltham  
Trolley road & leaving it for  
the left hand turn we soon  
reached the East Lexington  
village & took Pleasant St.  
on our road to Waverly,

Boston Temperature 74°

we lunched near the Little Pond  
close by the Peacock Farm &  
then by the Golf Links &  
Beaver Brook Falls & Park  
to the Waverly Station where  
we took Ellet to Boston

Birds

English sparrows only 2

Long Sparrow 6 or 7.

Blue Birds 4

Rodins 0

Shore Lark (Golf Links) 2

one of these we examined pretty  
near at hand with our glasses

Crows 2

We did not find Mr Walker Faxon.  
The day was most remarkable  
for summer air and  
warming sun. Did not  
put on our rubber shoes,  
but if we had had to take  
Concord Ave it looked as  
if Rubber Boots would be  
acceptable.

I called on Mrs Walker (Annie McDonald's  
sister) at the Peacock farm.



▲ VIEW ALONG VERMONT'S MOST PICTURESQUE HIGHWAY.

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WHERE  
VERMONT  
COMES IN

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## A VERMONT INSPIRATION

**I**F you are a stranger and unacquainted with Vermont and its hospitable people, and would learn of its delights and charms as an Ideal Vacation State—

**I**F you are a resident of Vermont and are living in tune with the spirit of a "Greater Vermont"—

*Then Read* on the opposite page the inspiration which has come to a Vermonter, and share with him the joy of abiding in a land "Where health is man's best riches."

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**F. T. GRANT,**

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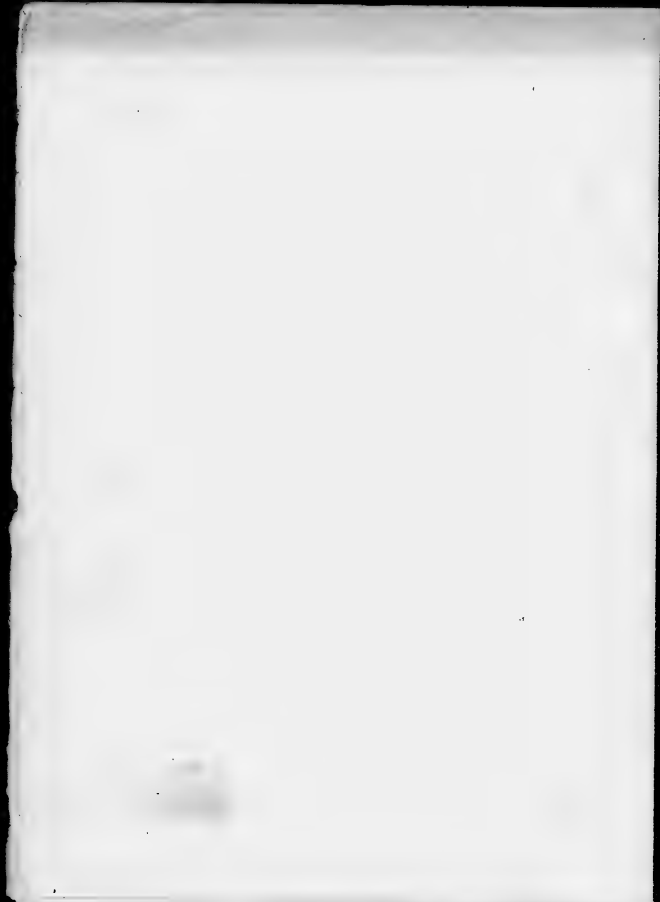
Up where the north winds blow just a little  
keener,  
Up where the grasses grow just a little greener,  
Up where the mountain peaks rise a little  
higher,  
Up where the human kind draws a little  
nigher,  
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the snows of winter last a little  
longer,  
Up where the heart beats just a little stronger,  
Up where the hand clasp is just a little  
warmer,  
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the lonesome pine its nightly  
requiem sighs,  
Up where the unpolluted waters take their rise,  
Up where the sons of toil have fought for  
freedom's sod,  
Up where all nature's mood is a little nearer  
God,  
That's where Vermont comes in.

Wherever manhood fights for honor,  
And where woman shrinks at sin,  
Where health is man's best riches,  
That's where Vermont comes in.

—Hon. Charles H. Darling.



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Mch 31.

with C. & F. to Lexington, to  
 Walter Faxon's house & walked  
 thence towards Burlington &  
 by the old Red School Ho side,  
 & found it stripped bare of  
 trees, on a cypress moth:  
 then to the Henslow Sparrow  
 meadow now full of water  
 & drank of the spring at the  
 foot of the gravel bank &  
 in the meadow, & thence by  
 the Rhodora place & so on  
 to the Paint Mine where we  
 had our dinner in the warm  
 sun & so home by 3 o'clock  
 for a cup of Tea & got 404  
 frame for Boston.

Day very fine, the sun  
 as warm as Friday last.  
 Saw Blue Birds, Song Sparrows  
 Hairy Woodpecker his new made  
 hole in a dead stump, Fox Sparrow  
 large flock say 300 Crow Blackbirds  
 Fox Sparrows. W. F. the many  
 dead trees standing after the  
 cypress moth ravages tends to  
 make Hairy Woodpecker more  
 plenty by offering them nesting  
 places. we also saw 3 or 4 Robins

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and a large hawk rose 50 ft away  
got into some woods without  
giving us his name.

6 April with Hal to Lexington & with  
CET & WOT walked to Concord  
by the old Concord Turnpike  
& called on Mrs Dr Loring &  
the French lady who is  
spending the summer with her.  
The house is an old one,  
the Leonard Hoare house,  
& I suppose named for the  
President of Harvard in the  
17 century. The day was fine  
the wind cold. Saw a telegraph  
pole all covered with barnacles;  
it must have been used as  
driven pile in ocean water.  
At Concord Hal called on  
his Aunt Lu while the Mr Faxon  
I had a cup of tea at the  
Urquhart Tea house & home  
3.40 train via Bedford.

Apr 10 O E F. I to Concord arriving  
 at 10.10. At 11 we went  
 out doors & walked via  
 Wood St to Bedford, a wild  
 & unfrequented street. It  
 crosses the little Shawshine  
 River where the high flood  
 water made a beautiful  
 stream. We lunched by  
 the roadside abt 1 1/2 miles  
 fr Bedford & not far from  
 the three corners where is a  
 fine *Abies alba*. at Bedford  
 we called on Charley Jenkins  
 who looked very well & we  
 examined some of the books of  
 his beautiful library of 5000  
 vols. Home by the 3.50  
 train fr Bedford.

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A cold wind all day: Then  
below 40°. I met C. E. F.  
W. F. at Hazlewood & we  
went into the Reservation & to  
the *Fraxinus nigra* place  
where C. E. F. got some cuttings  
for Mr. Dawson at the  
Atholium. They then drove  
us back to the Hemenway  
place, where we went  
down the meadow road at  
foot of their cowpasture  
& found many of the trees  
& cut several cuttings.  
Came back here for a one  
o'clock lunch & talked  
Books, authors, & the  
Harvard Seal till they  
went home on the 4.10  
Electric —

Apr 17. Bright sun & cool wind. To Lexington  
 with C-27 by trolley via Harvard  
 Square. To W.F. his house &  
 after watching for half an hour  
 the pair of Blue Birds nesting  
 in his olive jar started for our  
 walk on the old Concord Road  
 past Wood St & to an old  
 house beyond the roadside  
 ledge where inscription states  
 the British forces rallied a bit.  
 By invitation of an old man  
 (an Ulster man) we entered  
 the house 236 years old acc.  
 to the Lexington Tax Bills &  
 which is as low studded an  
 old house as any I have seen  
 Thence by the line post into  
 Lincoln & soon turned off to  
 the right hand & had our lunch  
 by the ruined cellar of old house;  
 we have been here before &  
 had in those days fine woodland  
 back by "Standing Lake" & on to  
 Woodstreet, but now all the  
 many acres are one desolate  
 ruin of old dead wood, the  
 ravages of the gypsy & Brown tail  
~~and~~ moths: it is depressing

to look over will be highly dangerous in case of fire. We came out on Wood St & so home by 3.15. Then a good cup of tea at W F's house & to the train at 4.04.

W. F. thinks these are the same blue birds as nested in the jar at his old house a very brilliant male and an unusually sad-colored female. They having found again the same old jar nest in it again tho' it is in a new location.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

During the prolonged cold of the past winter there was occasion to note the extraordinary persistence in Europe of the wolf. In France much stock was destroyed; in Italy wolves from the mountains came down as far as Mt Soracte, within sight of Rome. It is not surprising, therefore, that they should now be reported again in Maine, where for some years no trace of them had been seen. According to reports received by the state commission of inland fisheries and game, they have been doing considerable damage in Piscataqua county, and specially in township 7, range 10. The wolf is more difficult than most wild beasts to exterminate, because it is both bold and sly, not very formidable except in a pack, and able to survive when most carnivores would perish. Wherever there is wild country in which a few are left they are likely to multiply when given an opportunity, and there are not a few places in the United States where they are not entirely extinct. 16 Apr. 1914

There is very sound reason for the pro-

#### WAKEFIELD MAN KILLS

##### A FIVE-FOOT RATTLER

Antonio Nuoci of Hart street, Wakefield, killed a five-foot rattlesnake yesterday afternoon in the woods off Nahant street, Wakefield, after a desperate battle. The snake was coiled and ready to spring when Nuoci saw it. He jumped to one side and got hold of a stout limb, barely dodging the spring of the snake. The snake returned to the attack, and for several minutes Nuoci had an exciting battle, finally breaking the snake's back and ending the fight.

April 20, 1914



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Ipswich

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22 April: with CEF & W 7 by 8.35 train to Ipswich. To the Cemetery to note the old monuments. The Appleton stone with fine carving of the Pine Apple on the Heraldic coat: not as on the Appleton Book plate of three ordinary apples round small apples. Could not find any Talboustall Coat of Arms, tho we all felt sure such a tomb exists -

Then over the hill (Cemetery Hill) with fine views of dome & other hills. Came upon the small tomb devoted to poor Poles & Greeks, millhands who have died: here we studied & often read the pathetic lines of an man or woman dead in a foreign clime: and our study of the modern Greek was interesting & often fruitful in successful efforts to read. Then after half a mile walk had our lunch in a spot open to the sunshine but protected from the very disagreeable winds: home by the 343 train.

Wm at home with the Grip.  
 G G K says to Sullivan  
 How's William this morning ?  
 He is n't too good, he's  
 just about the same  
 May 1. 1914

It is said that T. R. has Job's trouble and finds it impossible to stand up, on account of his attack of boils. If this indicates that he is likely to run for office, instead of standing still, it is time to worry.

7th May 1914. with C. E. & L. to Lexington:  
 the swallow had come to  
 W F's cottage so he & we were  
 happy. We walked  
 towards Maltham: lunched  
 beside big ledge in field  
 near road, looking towards  
 the Maltham 'woods', a very  
 wild region so near Boston  
 on this road all the spray  
 flowers were now in  
 blossom & we were all  
 well pleased, back to the  
 house & then 4.3 to Boston

IN DEFENSE OF THE DEAD.

It is to the residents who have come to Milton since his death that I wish to answer the charge made against my father over twenty-one years after his death. In answering the charge I will

## cellaneous

## RARE SHAKSPEARIANA

Many Pictures Are Included in the Display

The pictures include a very large collection of the birds mentioned in Shakespeare's plays, also of the flowers, with the quotations referring to the flowers. There are numerous photographs of various places of the poet and also photographs of his contemporaries and of buildings and monuments at Stratford and elsewhere in the Shakespearian country.

Special Musical P  
Appropriate S  
Are Announc  
Concerts  
Schools.

8<sup>th</sup> May 1914.

Spent the afternoon with C E F  
J W F at the Gray  
Herbarium to see the  
new parts of the Buildings  
+ also the Tablet on  
the Library wall.

1914 Meads Pond & Big Elm  
Stump in Newton

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15 May. A beautiful summer day:  
To Lex. with C. E. F. found  
walter Taxon mourning that  
the male blue bird had driven  
the Swallow from his little  
home & the bluebirds will  
probably raise another brood  
there. We took Trolley for  
Waltham & Newton to see the  
big elm at Boughtons Corner  
in Newton. This is a large  
tree cut off abt 15 feet up,  
and instead of the tree being  
~~now~~ wholly cut down & dug up,  
the provision store was built  
half way round it, and a  
front door to the house plainly  
built to be used only after  
the removal of the tree.  
At 3 feet from the ground it  
measured 17 feet girth and  
at 5 feet, the smallest girth  
we could find for the tree  
was 16 ft 6 inches. The tree was  
cut off at the branching abt  
4 years ago & is fast decaying.

I find no reference to this tree  
in Brooks Typical Elms of Mass.

Thence by trolley back to  
Waltham & walked by the  
road to base of Prospect  
Hill & thence up the side of  
Temple to the Spring & had  
our lunch & by paths &  
roadways to deserted house  
with many birds about,  
Brown Thrasher, Veery,  
King Bird, and flowers  
of the region. *Ranunculus*  
*fascicularis*, fine Saxifrage  
& *Aquilegia*. - Thence across  
Lincoln St by a woodroad,  
a beautiful woodroad & to  
the pine grove with view of  
Meads Pond & so by to the  
corner of Lexington St & Trappe  
Avenue for cars back to  
Lexington & got 4.03 train  
home -

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20 May with C.E. 7 to Lexington: Day very warm still and smoky. Left my overcoat at W 7's & we walked by the old Mill side in Burlington: had our lunch at the Henslow Sparrow meadow cold spring & learned the name of the farm - The Davies Farm close to the Lowell Turnpike. Came back by the Paint Mine road or path & in the Swamp found a fine Black Spruce some 30 ft high & lots of Rhodora in flower of which I

Incides in *Scyllium cupiens vitare Charybdim* & it came  
 Gualtier (?) but a big  
 after a cup  
 house over  
 3 train.

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 sub "Spirito"

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June 2

To Lexington from the Silene  
Pennsylvanica in full flower  
on the Concord Road & the  
plant W. F. set out by his  
blue bird post growing well.

June 4 To White River (Juncter) Tavern  
5 In camp below the falls

5 AM pair horses to Alden farm  
 6 PM to Hanover to call on  
 the Follets and see the baby.  
 Day bright windy. Cold.  
 96° in. "windy".

6 Horn  
auto

FRED S. PIPER, M.D.  
LEXINGTON, MASS.

OFFICE HOURS  
1 TO 3 AND 7 TO 8 P.M.

Painted Cup

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Truxon

Miss Capeland  
Brookside Farm

On south side of  
the road nearly  
opposite

Sunny Side Farm

10 to 20 rods from  
highway

1914  
June 2

To Lexington farms the Silene  
Pennsylvanica in full flower  
on the Concord Road & the  
plant W. F. set out by his  
blue bird post growing well.

June 4 To White River (Jennett) Tavern

5 AM pair horses to Alden farm  
✓ 6 PM to Hanover to call on  
the Follets and see the baby.  
Day bright windy & cold.  
G. G. K. Ink & Mail.

6 Home by the noon train &  
auto fr station to Melton.

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Bedford &amp; Castilla

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9 June with C. E. F. met W. F. at  
 Lewington P.O. by ~~an~~ Electric  
 cars to Charles W. Jenki's house  
 at Bedford. Cold & windy  
 ride there barely 50 & everybody  
 shivering: fortunately, I had  
 overcoat. We stopped near  
 the 16th milestone on the  
 Lowell Road to Billerica  
 and in a meadow found  
 quite a number of plants of  
 Castilla of which I took  
 the best one I could find &  
 made an Herbarium specimen.  
 The meadow seems in different  
 from many others, yet the  
 plant is a rare one &  
 its habitat must have  
 special soil contents.  
 Thence we turned back towards  
 Jenki's house but a car came  
 along & we rode. We walked  
 however far enough to see  
 the fine glacial scratches on  
 a roadside ledge, and it  
 is described in Hitchcock's  
 Elementary Geology of 1839?  
 page 245 fig 176, as a fine glacial  
 specimen. Thence to W. F.  
 for cup of tea & so home

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10 July.

CE7 and W7 out here and after seeing Hal's Iris Garden we walked down Canton Ave. intending to take Crossman's Road & home thro' the Reservation but mosquitoes and wet grass after yesterday's shower turned us back & we simply strolled along Canton Ave. & home to a two o'clock luncheon. They away on the H/O car.

13 July

with CE7 to ~~Waltham~~ Lexington & after a short stay in W. F.'s Library took the 11.30 car for Piety Corner Waltham & by a circuitous walk at base & sides of Prospect Hill and Bear Hill tried in vain to find a *Celtis occidentalis*: had lunch in old pasture on side of hill & thence by a lane to the Electric line at point where road to Mayland branches off from the road to Concord. Came by Electric all the way home except short walk down Winder St. Boston fr Park St Church to Elevated Subway station in Tunnel.  
Day warm.

22 July. Day as fair as possible.  
 With C. & F. to Lexington &  
 after a shorter than usual  
 stay indoors, walked to  
~~Lexington~~ Concord via the  
 old Concord Turnpike for the  
 greater part of the way.  
 measured a fine old Elm  
 now past its prime not far  
 from the roadside in Lincoln  
 not far fr. the Concord line:  
 it was 18 feet 6 in in girth  
 at 5 feet fr. the ground: the  
 house near by appeared  
 empty & the barn bore a  
 For Sale sign. The only  
 real occupant of the place  
 was a Sparrow Hawk who  
 gazed at us from the ~~the~~ topmost  
 branches and whose home  
 was no doubt in a hole in  
 one of the older leaves: we  
 also passed one beautiful  
 specimen of *Corylus elliptica*.  
 We had a cup of tea in a Roadside  
 Tea house on the Lexington Road  
 near Emerson's house & called  
 on Lulu for a few moments  
 before taking of the 3.35 train home.

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Celtis at Lex.

27 July

with C & F to W's house & he took us to a small Celtis tree some had shown him yesterday by an old wall on the S side of Grassy Hill. It was badly attacked by a fungus on the leaves but I took specimen.

Then we walked to Bedford by a wild road coming out by Cummings Ave in Bedford. The region badly devastated by Super moor. Had our lunch by the roadside.

Day warm but not hot, & brilliant clouds white & rolling. Thence by the Concord Elect to Concord & after a cup of Tea at The Uryphat went over to see the new statue of Emerson in the Library. It is a fine piece of work unless perhaps the head is a little too nice the whole figure is rather dwarfed by its crowded surroundings.

and I have so long looked at  
my French's Bust I cannot  
feel the new one quite as good.  
Met met at the Stadium, after  
I had called on Kuhn & got 3.34  
for Boston.

31 July To lex with C. E. F. & then we  
with W. F. took car for Bedford  
stopped at the Bedford Springs road  
& walked to the Springs; I  
never have visited it & found  
it an attractive place, tho  
the Hotel not open & only  
Mrs Haydon's house occupied  
& the Laboratory still devoted  
to making the Viburnum Compound.  
We had lunch by the Roadside  
& walked back to Bedford on  
the Sowell Elce highway &  
called on Jenks admiring  
again his library & his garden.  
Took 3.50 train home  
Day as fine as ever:  
a wonderful July for being  
out of doors.





THE BOSTON HERALD. TU

*Aug 18* **The Folly of It** *1914*

(By CAMILLE FLAMMARION, FRENCH ASTRONOMER.)

It is impossible coolly to consider this reality (the vastness of the universe) without being struck with the astonishing and inexplicable illusion in which the majority of mankind slumbers. Behold a little globe whirling in the infinite void. Round this globule vegetate 1450 millions of so-called reasonable beings—or rather talkers—who know not whence they come nor whither they go, each of them, moreover, born to die very soon; and this poor humanity has resolved the problem, not of living happily in the light of nature, but of suffering constantly both in body and mind. It does not emerge from its native ignorance, it does not rise to the intellectual pleasures of art and science, and torments itself perpetually with chimerical ambitions. Strange social organization! This race is divided into tribes subject to chiefs, and from time to time we see these tribes, afflicted with furious folly, arrayed against each other, obeying the signal of a handful of sanguinary evildoers who live at their expense, and the infamous hydra of war mows down its victims, who fall like ripe ears of corn on the blood-stained fields. Forty millions of men are killed regularly every century in order to maintain the microscopical divisions of a little globule into several anthills. \* \* \* When men know something of the earth, and understand the modest position of our planet in infinity; when they appreciate better the grandeur and the beauty of nature, they will be fools no longer, as coarse on the one hand as credulous on the other; but they will live in peace, in the fertile study of Truth, in the contemplation of the Beautiful, in the practice of the Good, in the progressive development of the reason, and in the noble exercise of the higher faculties of intelligence.

Lexington

1914

with C.E. & W.F. house  
 Aug 25 at 10.15. C.E. had brought  
 along my pages on the  
 genders of the Genera  
 in the 7th Ed of Gray's Manual.  
 We discussed it for an  
 hour or more & I left it  
 with W.F. We had a 12  
 o'clock lunch of Toast & Tea  
 and after a short smoke  
 went out before one o'clock.

On the Main St & near the  
 Electric plant measured  
 two white maples at 3 ft up.  
 one was 12 ft 1 inch  
 other " 12 ft 9 inches  
 and this second one was at one  
 foot from the ground 11 ft 6 inches  
 On opposite side of Road  
 and inside the garden or  
 lawn of the estate a fine  
 shapely Elm as 14 ft 10 inches  
 at 3 foot fr the ground.

Thence we walked a short  
 distance on the Walkear Road  
 & turned in to see Mr Scott's  
 garden, with its Bristol  
 Englemans Sun Dial with the  
 makers name Isaac Walkear.

The dial not set for our latitude  
 nor in any way fastened to the  
 pillar: It deserves a secure  
 resting place: Thence we  
 turned to the right hand &  
 on the dry roadside found  
*Liatria* some of the very fine:  
 then over the wall & by  
 field pasture to the Warbler  
 Swamp and W. F. showed  
 us the warbler region &  
 thence we to the Highway  
 & home on the 3.59 steamer  
 train. Day very fine.

GOOD FRIEND, FOR SAFETY'S SAKE FORBEARE  
 TO SIT ON ME — I'M NOT A CHAIRE —  
 BLESTE BE <sup>E</sup>Y MAN <sup>T</sup>Y GENTLY VSETH  
 AND CVRST BE HE <sup>T</sup>Y ME ABVSETH.  
 THEN TAKE <sup>E</sup>Y SEATE MY LORD APPOINTS  
 AND CEASE TO RACK MY TOTTERING JOINTS.

( <sup>E</sup>Y APPEARE OF W.F.'S OLD FOOTESTOOLE  
 TO G.G.K.)

4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914

Sept 16, 1914.

with C. E. F. & Lermon & W. F. took us to Shaker Glen: roads were very dusty & scarcely any water in the Glen. At one place I took a specimen from a large acre of *Solidago puberula* a very handsome plant. We came back by Trolley: running once an hour. but we were fortunate in not having to wait long. The Glen must have been very interesting before its deforestation. We did not stay long enough to explore much, but every thing looked dry.

- Sept 22. To Franconia with C. E. F.
23. Called on Mr Noble: Ther 86.
24. AM. Auto to Easton, Benton  
Bath and Sugar Hill:  
a wonderfully fine day in  
the Benton wood road.
25. Rain in showers & Thunder  
storm in evening: Smiths  
Barn struck & consumed.  
Cows all out doors because  
the night was warm, but  
much hay & harvested oats  
were lost.\*
26. Walked "round the square" up  
Landaff valley & across to  
Profile Farm corner by the  
beautiful brook.
27. Sunday rainy day.
28. Fire in Morning: up Sugar  
Hill by the Echo's fine view  
& down the Hill to the yellow  
*Prunus virginiana*: and we  
scarcely avoided the rain by  
hasty steps.
- \* This fire took place on the evening of  
Sept 23 after the very hot day and  
not as written above.

Sept 29. To the top of Mt Agassiz to see the wonderful snow on the Mt Washington Range, surely as fine as such a sight has ever been. I ought to say the thermometer was reported as at  $17^{\circ}$  at Store early in the morning. We walked home to a late dinner at 2.30

Sept 30 Home again: Mr Wetherbee coming for me in auto for the 8.35 train: we were delayed at Concord for half an hour or more & were late arriving.

Uncle & Rachel came home on the Arabic, fr Liverpool Sept 22 for Boston.

The auto firm at Franconia is C. H. Corey & Co. — Mr Wetherbee being the company. Mr Corey the Mechanician —

Oct 2<sup>o</sup> Sinclair brought me Pedometer  
from London.

## . . The Pedometer . .

should be suspended by the hook, in the waist-coat pocket, and must be maintained in an upright position.

The figures on the Dial represent miles, and the spaces between the figures, quarter miles.

When the Pedometer is to be used, the hand should be set exactly at 12, which can be done by moving it backwards or forwards with the finger.

The Instrument requires to be *regulated* to the step of the person who uses it; the method of doing this is by walking a certain distance, which is *known* to be correct. If the Pedometer should register a greater or less distance, the *Regulator Screw* at the back of the movements is to be turned in the direction of either letter F. or S. (fast or slow), as the case may be. Turning to the right (toward S), will cause the instrument to register less; turning to the left (toward F), will cause it to register more.

In Pedometers made in the form of a keyless watch the Dial is turned by the keyless action to bring the 12 under the Hand, and the front of the case is *not* made to be opened.

1300.

### Where the West Begins

By Arthur Chapman in Denver-Republican

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,  
Out where a smile dwells a little longer,

That's where the West begins.  
Out where the sun is a little brighter,  
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,  
Where the honds of home are a wee bit  
tighter,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,  
Out where friendship's a little truer,

That's where the West begins.  
Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,  
Where there's laughter in every streamlet  
flowing,  
Where there's more of reaping and less of  
sowing—

That's where the West begins.

Out where the world is in the making,  
Where fewer hearts with despair are ach-  
ing—

That's where the West begins.  
Where there's more of singing and less of  
sighing,  
Where there's more of giving and less of  
buying—  
And a man makes friends without half try-  
ing—

That's where the West begins.

The printed copy of this piece I have. It  
was given me by a friend who knew how  
fond of the West I am,

IOLA

Feb 15, 1915  
V. Macasick



Agent for Joseph Rodgers & Sons (Ltd.) Sheffield Cutlery.

Mrs Kennedy

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To a Dragonfly.

In the sunlight free to soar,  
From those depths below the shore  
Where thy earth-bound life was spent,  
E'er thy fragile mask was rent.

Mortals well may weave round thee,  
Thoughts that breathe of piety!  
That may help them as they climb  
To the realms of light sublime  
<sup>Over</sup> ~~Their~~ immortal souls must reach,  
When their earth-bound journey's cease.

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6 Nov 1914. Sinclair took me in his auto to East Walpole to see the "Lewis Equestrian monument": as a work of art, worthless.

coming back through Canton at the Viaduct: before reaching the viaduct I measured an old Elm tree: cut off at say 15 feet above ground: at three feet from the ground it measured 18 feet 5 inches and must have been a fine patriarch a few years ago.

### Appalachian Mountain Club.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1914, at 8.00 P.M.

Huntington Hall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MR. SINCLAIR KENNEDY, a Club member, will give a talk "Some Comments on the New Zealand Nation."

After a brief résumé of the political and social aspects of New Zealand the speaker will show many lantern slides illustrating the scenery.

This is a card of invitation.

No ticket is necessary for admission.

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# TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF E. D. CHAMBERLIN

Maine Anti-Tuberculosis Body Recalls His Generosity.

HEBRON, Me., Jan. 8.—The president and directors of the Maine State Sanatorium Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis, at a meeting in this town, adopted resolutions in honor of the late Eleazer D. Chamberlin of Boston, whose contributions have given great impetus to curative endeavors in this state.

The resolutions recalled the death of his only son, Leigh W. Chamberlin, in the prime of life from tuberculosis, and the sympathetic desire of the young man's father to save other parents from a similar bereavement. He accordingly presented to the association a completely equipped administration building in memory of the son, known as the Leigh W. Chamberlin Memorial. Next he offered an endowment on condition that the association should raise money enough to clear its past indebtedness and agree to avoid getting into debt again. Mr. Chamberlin then contributed to this fund which insured the acceptance of his own princely gift.

1915

Feb  
~~March~~ 18

Bluebird in Arboocum  
fide C.E.F.  
he never saw one at  
so early a date.

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Feb 23.

C. E. T and W. F. came on the 10.08 train & we walked around Hillside St to the Drinking Trough: the day bright & pleasant. Ther. 45 and one blue bird flew over our heads in the Notch between Big Blue & Little Blue Kill, where many years ago I saw the big White Owl on a cold & windy day. After lunch we chatted till 3.30 and they took the 3.40 electric car to Boston —

## A UNIQUE CHARACTER

MONTELLIER, Vt., Feb. 27.

**J**OSEPH BATTELL, who died in Middlebury last week, was one of the many unique characters Vermont has produced and was a large contributor to the progress and advancement of his native state. He was the largest individual land owner in Vermont. Ever since he was a young man Mr. Battell had been buying uncultivated land whenever opportunity arose. He held much for himself, but he has given to the state two mountains, making only the reservation that the lands should be held for the use of the state. Mount Ellen in Addison county and Camel's Hump, more properly called the Crouching Lion, are his two great contributions in this respect.

Mr. Battell rendered another distinct service, not especially to Vermont, but to all New England, in his work for the restoration of the Morgan horse. That strain of horse flesh appears to have been a sort of freak, but the progenitor, Justin Morgan, had that faculty of prepotency that stamped the impress of his great capacity on the offspring. But as the cheaper western horses invaded the New England territory the breeding of Morgans declined. Mr. Battell sought to restore the old strain and his publication of the Morgan Register, a monumental work for which he never received any adequate compensation did much to revive interest in the Morgan horse. His gift of a 500-acre farm in Weybridge to the government, to be used as a Morgan breeding station also aided in the movement. Today the Morgan is one of the horses most sought for. They are not racers, just ordinary road and handsome carriage horses, but the man who raises a pair of correctly bred Morgan horses and has them properly trained can demand as large a price for them as the owners of any of the more spectacular breeds.

Mr. Battell was also a philosopher. His work, "Ellen, or the Whispering Pine," was an attempt to found a new school of physics. The undulatory theory was broadly discussed, and while physicists have not by any means accepted the new theories he advanced, he has compelled consideration of his ideas.

He was, in fact, a unique but not unexpected product of New England—a farmer, a hotel keeper, a publisher, a writer, a philosopher, a statesman, a philanthropist—a great man, but one whose personal idiosyncrasies would not permit him to appear in the class of great men as the world knows them. He made large contributions to his time and his people. He worked freely, he gave liberally, he had in mind always the public and not himself, and he deserves a larger tribute than the simple recounting of his quiet deeds would seem to warrant.

28 Feb 1915  
Boston Herald

## GRAY HERBARIUM COMPLETED

Long Process of Rebuilding Brought to an End—Structure Now of Concrete and Steel

The long process of rebuilding the Gray Herbarium has been finished by the completion of the central room. The original frame structure, erected in 1884 to house Dr. Gray's collection, has been entirely rebuilt in steel and concrete, so that it is now the best equipped and best building adapted for its purpose in the world.

The first stage in reconstruction was the Kiddle Wing, given in 1910 by Nathaniel T. Kiddle, '82, a member of the visiting committee. This is used to house the indexed specimens of flowering plants and ferns. In 1911 the old Asa Gray House, which adjoined the central building, was moved across Garden street to make room for a library, given anonymously, but last year, upon the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, Dr. George C. Kennedy '84 consented to the public announcement of the donor. About the same time that the library wing was begun, construction of the right wing, better known as the George Robert White Laboratories for studying systematic botany, this addition contains the office of Professor M. L. Fernald, several rooms for the collection of the New England Botanical Club, a bundle room, and an instrument room. In the spring of 1913 the front portion was rebuilt and raised a story, which now contains the offices of the librarian, Miss Mary A. Day, and rooms for maps and publications.

The central room as completed has been raised from two to three stories and has been equipped with steel cases for containing specimens and tables for observation. This addition was made possible by the gift of five members of the visiting committee.

The building is as nearly fireproof as can be made, a precaution necessary to preserve the priceless collections of books and classified specimens. The only wooden furniture in the building is that once used by Dr. Gray, now preserved in the office of Professor Robinson. The equipment is well adapted for the most specialized use of the botanist. From the dark room for photography to the indexed cases for maps everything is fireproof, specialized and modern.

## Mr. Ward Tells His Own Story of a New Process for Making Better Bread

*About four years ago the Ward Baking Company engaged three trained men and instructed them to devote their time in research for a method of making Better Bread. This resulted in the greatest discovery ever made in the history of the Bread business, and is a great boon for the benefit of humanity.*

In view of the inaccurate, misleading and really absurd newspaper statements that have been made regarding the methods employed by our Company, we wish first to state a fact within the knowledge of every housewife, that yeast is a living organism, and in order to live and multiply, and thereby leaven the dough, the yeast must have food. In the old process this food was the flour, sugar and other constituents of the dough. The yeast consumed a certain portion of these materials and converted them into alcohol and other products, and a gas known as carbon dioxide, which raised the bread and made it light. Under the new discovery very minute amounts of certain salts are added which serve in place of a part of this food which under the old method the yeast consumes. In the old process a portion of the flour, particularly the glutinous part, was broken down by the yeast, and thus valuable nutritive properties were lost. By the new process this does not take place, but, on the contrary, a greater percentage of the natural gluten of the wheat is retained in the baked loaf.

In order that exact minute quantities might be properly introduced first into the water and then into the dough, these salts were made up into a yeast powder known first as "A. B. C. Powder," and then later under the trade-mark name of "Arkady." Of this Arkady Yeast Powder a very minute amount is added to the sixteen hundred pounds of material—wheat flour, sugar, milk, vegetable oil, yeast, salt and water—which constitutes a standard size dough in our bakeries. The result is that there is left in the Bread four one-hundredths of one per cent. of calcium salts, which are the identical salts which are contained in all natural waters and practically all vegetable and animal products.

On a percentage basis fresh milk contains more than four times as much of these calcium salts as is contained in Ward's Bread, or, in other words, one glass of milk contains as much of these salts as two loaves of Ward's Bread. Cheese contains about thirty times as much as Ward's Bread. Peas contain about three times as much as the Bread; Greens, twelve times as much; Beans, five times as much; Chocolate, three times as much; Turnips, twice as much.

All drinking waters contain calcium sulphate varying in quantity in the waters from the different sections of the country, ranging from those which are considered soft waters to those which are considered hard waters. In many natural waters one glass would contain twenty times as much calcium sulphate as is contained in a single slice of Ward's Bread, and, in fact, many waters contain an amount of this salt, such that one glass contains more than a whole loaf of Ward's Bread.

Medical men have shown that a normal adult man drinks in twenty-four hours three and one-half quarts of water. A twenty-four hours' supply of many natural waters would contain as much calcium sulphate as is found in ten loaves of Ward's Bread.

The above citations are sufficient to show that the salts are present in such small amounts that no question can arise in any one's mind not antagonistic to the real facts that they are not used for any purposes of adulteration or deception.

Some of the reasons for their use are as follows:

In the leavening of bread the yeast, besides forming the gas, carbon dioxide, which makes the bread light, also forms alcohol and certain by-products which in the similar process of fermentation of grains to form whiskey we call "Fusel Oil." This fusel oil is a very poisonous and rather disagreeable smelling oil. This action takes place whenever bread is raised by yeast, whether in the household or in the bakery. The amount of fusel oil and certain other disagreeable acid products thus formed is very small, but has its effect on the flavor and odor of the bread, and certainly does not make the bread any more wholesome. In the new process as developed by the Ward Bakery, the amount of these fusel oil products is diminished almost to the vanishing point. The result is a bread with better taste, odor, color, texture and flavor, and a more wholesome bread because of the absence in this process of these small amounts of objectionable products.

From the above citations regarding the natural occurrence of these salts, it would be evident to everyone that they are perfectly harmless, as they are present as natural constituents of so many foods that are daily consumed by the people. In fact, we might go further in this, as the consensus of opinion among the best medical authorities is that people do not at the present time obtain in their food sufficient calcium salts which are so necessary for the formation of bones, teeth and other tissue, especially to growing children. Physiologists tell us that an adult man should have in his food one and one-half grams of lime as lime salts per day. To obtain this amount from bread alone he would have to eat seven loaves of Ward's Bread, while one quart of milk would furnish more than the required amount.

It has been a common practice in the purification of water supplies for cities to add to the water small amounts of calcium hypochlorite. This practice is heartily endorsed by all public health and medical authorities. The percentage of added lime put in in this way is in practically all cases much greater than the amount of added lime salts in Ward's Bread.

Another common method of leavening breadstuffs, such as biscuits, hot cakes, muffins, etc., is by means of baking powder. Baking Powders very commonly contain some of these same salts which are used in minute amounts as yeast food in this new bread process.

The amount of these salts left in a breadstuff made with such baking powder after baking is in many cases a hundred times as much as that which will be found in Ward's Bread.

To sum up, it may be stated that the new process has made it possible for us to produce a bread not only better in texture, odor, flavor and color, but a bread which is more wholesome and more healthful than it has been possible to produce under any of the older processes.

During the development of this process the Agricultural Department at Washington was made acquainted with it, and officials of the Department expressed their approval, and as a result of the work patents have been allowed in the United States and are pending in the principal foreign countries.

We know that Ward's Bread as made today is the Best Bread in the World. Better Bread than you can make in your own kitchen, and Better Bread than you can buy, except under the name "Ward."

Our Company has done more for the baking trade in advancing modern ideas in baking and the erection of sanitary sun-lighted plants than any other concern in the trade, and this fact can be demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of any interested person who may visit our Bakery and see the clean, up-to-date and commendable methods employed. The lid is off, we have nothing to hide, never have had anything to hide, and you may find source in the use of Ward's Bread and know that when you buy it you will use the best obtainable. No better or cheaper food exists. Feed it to your children in generous portions—it is good for them.

WARD BAKING COMPANY.  
By GEORGE S. WARD, Vice-President.

23 Mch with CEF 107 to the Bluebird  
road & by Peacock farm  
to the Beaver Brook Reservation.  
The Oaks there look ready to  
die, to give up the contest  
with the Park care-takers.  
Really they look shameful —  
Home via Electrics through  
Harvard Sq & Tunnel

#### FOR MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

##### Forest Land Given by Will of Joseph A. Battell.

A tract of more than 20,000 acres of forest land in Vermont is bequeathed to Middlebury college, to be preserved as a forest park forever, under the will of the late Joseph A. Battell. Mr Battell, who was publisher of the Middlebury Register and well known as a breeder of Morgan horses, was greatly interested in forest preservation and had been acquiring virgin timberlands for more than 40 years. A mountain in Lincoln and Warren, one of the highest peaks in the state, is given to the United States government. The will was probated at Middlebury Monday.

The town of Middlebury receives two large tracts of land for park purposes and a fund of \$9900 for park maintenance. The lands bequeathed to the college lie along the crest of the Green mountains and extend into three counties and eight townships. In addition the college will receive as a residuary bequest at the expiration of a 10-years' trust the Battell block, a large business structure in the village; the Middlebury Register, and a number of farms.

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##### Where Vermont Comes In

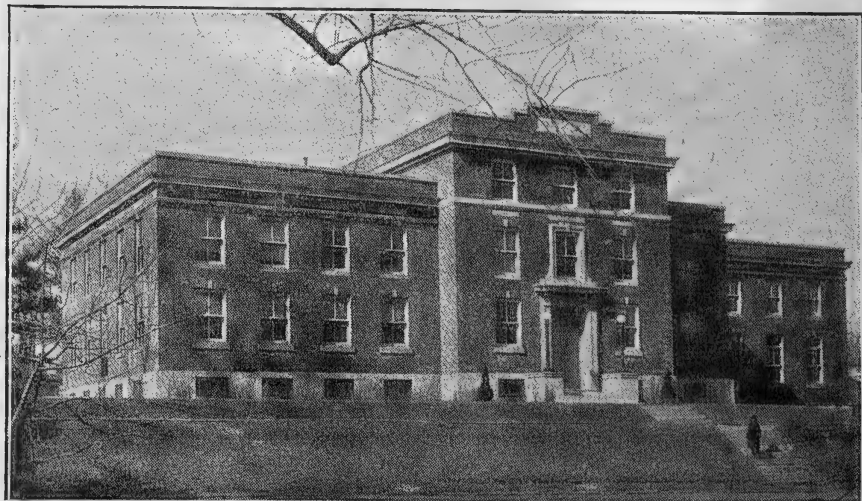
At a Tufts College alumni dinner given at the University Club in New York city at which several States were represented, Charles H. Darling was invited to respond to the toast "Where Vermont Comes In," and replied as follows:

Up where the north winds blow just a little  
keener,  
Up where the grasses grow just a little  
greener,  
Up where the mountain peaks rise a little  
higher,  
Up where the human kind draws a little  
nigher,  
That's where Vermont comes in.  
Up where the snows of winter last a little  
longer,  
Up where the heart beats just a little  
stronger,  
Up where the handclap is just a little  
warmer,  
That's where Vermont comes in.  
Up where the lonesome pine its nightly re-  
quiem sighs,  
Up where the unpolluted waters take their  
rise,  
Up where the sons of toil have fought for  
freedom's sod,  
Up where all nature's mood is a little  
nearer God,  
That's where Vermont comes in.  
Where our manhood fights for honor  
And where woman shrinks at sin,  
Where health is man's best riches,  
That's where Vermont comes in.

M. F. N.



## The Gray Herbarium, as Now Rebuilt



(Photo Copyright by Boston Photo News Co.)

After Five Years of Work, Brick, Steel and Concrete Have Now Taken the Place of Wood in This Building

MORNING, MARCH 16,

### **Who Sought War? Poet Watson Suggests Reply**

[Special Cable to The Herald.]

LONDON, March 15—Poet William Watson deals with the question of who was the aggressor in the present war in a witty verse of seven lines in the *Evening News*. It reads:

If two men fell to fighting, of  
whom one  
Carried that day no ready  
weapon save  
Only an oaken stave,  
While the other glittered in  
the summer sun  
With casque and corselet, lance  
and whetted glaive,  
By which of these would all  
but fool or knave  
Adjudge the combat to have  
been begun?

3 April: J. F. Collins came from Providence on the 10.31 train at Readville. We tried the new Swedish Increment Borer on three pine trees: in the first one by the cottage we found what Collins supposed to be a hollow abt four inches in diameter, & we shall soon cut the tree down to confirm or refute Collins' boring: then we tried the two large pines near the parlor window at edge of the bank: here the borings showed firm solid wood for a distance of 10 inches or thereabouts: the borer not being made for a deeper boring, but the test for those trees showed solid wood for at least a depth of over nine inches, so that these two trees may be considered sound & not likely to blow over in any ordinary gale. After luncheon we worked up

Blue Hill & down by the Coon Hollow path; I showed Collins the Acer pennsylvanicus & he took specimens for winter bud. He went in after dinner on the 7.18 train to the Botanical Club meeting.

He also this morning took photo of section of the pine tree near Blue Hill Ave. that blew over in the February Gale and the section showed the work of the Carpenter (or others) black ants that had riddled the centre of that tree.

Saturday April 4.

Here is the printed record of the gale that blew all the morning, and our trees stood it very well. Luckily Collins came yesterday for the snow blew all day today. The cutting from the Sunday morning Herald.

## THE WEATHER

### Fair

FOR BOSTON AND VICINITY—Today fair, diminishing northwest gale; tomorrow fair and warmer.

FOR NEW ENGLAND—Clearing today; tomorrow fair and warmer.

WINDS—The winds along the north Atlantic coast will be north and west gales diminishing; middle Atlantic coast, west and northwest gales diminishing.

STORM WARNINGS remain displayed on the Atlantic coast from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport.

### Observations in Boston.

For 24 Hours, Ending at 3 P. M.

Mean barometer.....	29.94
Mean temperature.....	21.9
Mean dew point.....	20.0
Mean relative humidity.....	85.0
Maximum temperature.....	25.0
Minimum temperature.....	20.0
Maximum wind.....	25.0 (N.E.)
Total precipitation.....	.35

### Summary of Conditions.

The storm reported Friday as being central off the south Atlantic coast advanced rapidly northeastward with generally increased intensity during the last 24 hours and last night its centre was off Cape Cod. This disturbance has been attended by severe gales along the coast from Cape Hatteras northward to Maine, and general snows in the Atlantic states from North Carolina to New England. The highest wind reported was 30 miles an hour at Nantucket.

The indications are that the weather will be generally fair today and tomorrow over practically all parts of the country. Temperatures will rise tomorrow throughout the East.

MORNING, APRIL 7, 1915

## SCORES ATHLETICS IN COLLEGES

Pres. Stryker, of Hamilton College,  
Addresses New England Alumni  
Association

### INTERCOLLEGIATE CONTESTS ARE INSTITUTIONS' CURSE

Makes Strong Plea For Students  
In Schools Rather Than  
Mere Attendants

That "the curse of colleges in America is intercollegiate competitions of all kinds," was the declaration of Pres. Melancthon W. Stryker of Hamilton College, speaking to the members of the New England Alumni Assn. of the colleges and their wives at the Westminster Hotel, last evening. There were 30 present, who heard Dr. Stryker with keen interest while he frankly spoke his mind concerning present educational conditions, with a strong emphasis against present day athletics and a demand for students rather than attendants.

He insisted that all college students are receiving benefactions. "Even when they think they are paying all their bills," said he, "they are getting \$400 or \$500 a year at the hands of benefactors who are in glory, I hope." He said that it might not be well for a college to get too much money at once for he suggested that there is such a thing as a college being too self sufficient, too smug about its possessions.

He said frankly that he would like to see Hamilton College the best college in America. It is his view that the American college is under fire and on trial and intimated that it might do good for him to turn the Christmas stocking inside out, which he proceeded to do.

"I think," he said, "that Hamilton College wants a great many more students. I don't mean more attendants. They are doing pretty well at Hamilton compared with other colleges, but I challenge any man to say that they are doing more than half of what they are capable of."

"If I had \$5,000,000 I would like to show America a college. No one would get into it without an examination; there would be no electives before the junior year and I would throw any man out who did not get 80 p.c. I would give the 30 p.c. men \$300 a year, the honor men \$400, the high honor men \$500, and I would make it impossible for any other kind of men to remain more than eight months."

Speaking of those at colleges who are seeking diversion, he said that there is too much diversification of industry and that those who do not want to study should get out.

As to athletics, he said that in the first place they should be for health, for the education, a sound mind in a sane body, and that in the second place they should be for fun, for relaxation, for amusement, and not for anything else. They are a very bad advertisement if put to the fore, according to his view. "Their value," he declared, "is just in the ratio to the number engaged in them. Specialization in athletics is not college athletics."

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*Boston Herald*  
18 April 1915

## GEORGE BABBITT'S

Tribute to the memory of the late Judge Baker of the juvenile court have been many and sincere. Highly as he

was esteemed by his fellow-citizens generally, his sudden taking-off is especially mourned in Brookline, where he had lived all his life. Among the people there his death is lamented almost as a personal bereavement. His funeral was from



the quaint old house in which he was born, and where his father and grandfather were born before him. Since his early manhood he had taken a deep interest in the town's affairs. It is testimony of the Brookline people from the most distinguished citizen to the policeman on his beat and the laborer on the street that Harvey Baker was the squarest, fairest and one of the most useful citizens of them all. Although a confirmed bachelor, he early showed a great fondness for children, and this developed in him that practical solicitude for their welfare which characterized his work in our juvenile delinquents court. The discharge of his duties there was chiefly a labor of love, entered upon with his whole heart, soul and mind. He had become acquainted with the environment of children of all classes, and he had learned not only how to sit in judgment upon them, but also how to sympathize with them in their misfortunes and misdoings. He had not large pecuniary resources and his salary as a Judge was only \$3000, but he devoted his time and his energies to this work, supplementing it by going about preaching the gospel he was practicing in his court, paying his own expenses. Many instances of the substantial quality of his kindness and thoughtfulness might be given here. He preferred they should never be mentioned. He had a cheerful and playful mood that manifested itself in many ways. A little daughter of one of his acquaintances chanced to be born on Judge Baker's birthday. When she reached her fourth year and he his fortieth, he greeted her thus:

You know we two are truly twins,  
But you can't crow and be real haughty.  
And say you're young and I am old,  
Because you're four and I am forty.  
A man's no older than he feels;  
I can still play and be real naughty.  
And every way this year we're twins,  
For naught's the diff' twixt 4 and 40.

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8 April Fine day cool but pleasant.  
with C. & F. to Lexington &  
with W. F. to walk back of  
Granny Hill down to the Frothing  
park & out to the street  
again: on rocky ledge near  
corner of Lowell Turnpike &  
North Street grows a fine  
bush of *Arctostaphylos* to  
which I took specimen,  
a quaint old farmer at work  
on his hotheds entertained  
us with his streamer ideas  
to the President, Wilson & gave  
us a new anecdote of Lincoln  
his views of the homeopathic  
surgeons & doctors in the  
civil war campaign.

Back to Ev. F.'s house at  
1.30 to a hot skew lunch  
& after much talk on Latin  
Inscriptions to Boston by the  
4.09 train —

1915 Lincoln St Waltham

15 April. met W F at PO + with him  
 RCE took car for corner of  
 Concord Ave + Waltham St, thence  
 we walked by Concord Ave past  
 Theodore Parkers pine (vide  
 20 May 1912, + by Parkers Bittplace  
 + Trapelo Road + then Lincoln  
 St to find the Acer Negundo  
 of 1912; vide p 15.

had lunch on Lincoln St  
 + then via Pitty corner to  
 Waltham + home via Waverley  
 Electric. Day cool + raw -  
 with slight snow in the air.

29 April. PM walked up Blue Hill:  
 The *Arctostaphylos* in blossom  
 also the *Amelanchier oblongifolia*.  
*Prunus Pennsylvanica*, *Myrica*  
*asplenifolia*  
 Cold East fog came over the hills.

May 1. 1915 A

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Lexington

May 4. To Lex. with C. E. F. and W. F. remained at his house but a short time. Walked to Bedford over the road we tried to pass some days ago & were driven out by the fire, a fire which has ruined many acres. We found *Viola papilionacea*, *V. fimbriatula*, *V. pedata*, *Linum catharticum* var. *multiflorum*: (*Amelanchier laevis* Megard acc. to C. E. F.), a very smooth shrub with bright white petals 15 mm long. We called at the Jenks' home on 4 o'clock train. The day was a typical fine May day, tho in Boston a cold East wind came in the afternoon.

At one place where barn drainage helps the plant was the largest specimens of *Stellaria media* we had ever seen: fully eight or ten inches high & masses for a length of eight or ten feet long.

10 May 1915

To Kingston 8.50 train with C.E.T. and W.F. by aid of country map found Elm St and walked thereon & for abt 2 miles & not finding the 4 or 5 nearly contiguous ponds, we ate our lunch in one of the many glacial hollows protected from the rather stiff breeze: generally the walk was not interesting so much woodlark had been burned off. However on the Easterly side of Elm St where the cutting had not been so recent I found *Eragrostis* in flower & took specimen for my herbarium. came leisurely back to the village, had a cup of tea at cheap place close to the station & took 3.31 train to Boston via Cohasset to see the shore: the whole day was a beautiful one, a typical day of May, as was our last Lexington walk.

1915 Wrentham Oaks.

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-18 May met CE7NW7 on train at  
Readville for Franklin: thence  
walked to Wrentham village  
taking in the Oak we had  
started to find: at the point  
where point is near the road  
we walked down to a very  
pretty barragalow (unoccupied)  
on the edge of the water, and  
with the lake on our left  
followed the path along shore  
till we came in less than 10  
minutes to a path obscured  
by roots much washed by  
small breakers but on going  
up it the path was soon good  
+ continued on to the foot of  
the Oak; the tree looks well  
as all underbrush has been  
cleared away and tho not  
as large as we expected is a fine  
tree: girth 13 ft 3 inches at  
3 ft from ground and 83 feet  
of spread. We ate our simple  
lunch under its shadow  
which by the way will be  
fine and dense when  
summer comes.

Then we came back again to the road & walked forward to Wrentham village: passing on the left hand a vine Buttonwood growth 14 ft three inches and another Oak 12 ft 8 in growth: when we arrived at the Wrentham Common we sat down on a bench, ~~to wait~~ to wait for a car while a kindly-talkative man staid with us some minutes & told us of another Oak near Pearl Pond which according to his story was more likely to have been our King Philip's Tree than those we had seen.

The <sup>car</sup> came along at ~~7.5~~ 2:23<sup>^</sup> or rather started from our bench at that time & we changed at Foxboro for a Wrentham. Norwood & Dedham Forest Hills: we took the 4.12 train at Dedham & got out at Readville & walked home. Day fine tho cool.

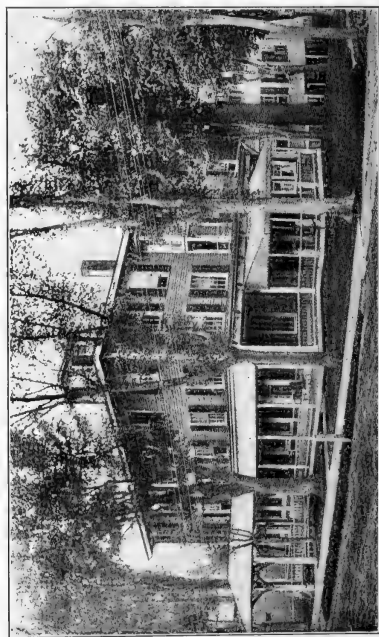
Norfolk Conn 11 June 1915 165

Left Boston at 7.55 with C & F  
and arr N. at 12.54. Fine  
clear day. After dinner  
we walked about the very  
beautiful village green &  
visited the Library, the finest  
small library building I ever saw.  
Listened to the chimes of the  
Congregational church & inside  
the church found all the  
ancient lost by a stained  
glass window for which the  
church sought to offer an  
apology: it really turns all  
the leaves, flowers & grass  
make some amends for the  
church window. We had  
supper & to bed early.

12 June: Sat. we walked to Wangum  
Pond the source of the fine  
water supply: 4 miles away  
and we were rather late to  
table from starting too late:  
the last mile & a half to the  
lake has fine northern woods  
but we noted few flowers.  
At Wangum we visited the library for  
New Dictionary & History  
of the Town

- 13 June Sunday: to Tobey Pond Stopped up a moment to take with Prof Pukin of Columbia who has a fine house (i.e. cost money) on his 2000 acre estate. He directed us onward to the Pond a clear bright water much smaller than Mangum. Came back by the Golf course. ~~Am~~ ~~walked all the~~ walked on the Canaan Road down the glen where Autos were lively & frequent. The gulch of Blackberry Brook is turned into a park with Town ownership of land & buildings would soon make it a fine woodland Park.
- 14 June Monday very warm we shared about the Park & Library.
- 15 June Tuesday I came home as we went: while E. F. went an hour earlier to Canaan Junction then to see at Sheffield. I came home by the 9:1 for Brookfield. Parlor car from Brookfield. Arr B. 2:30

Monday evening before supper we walked  
a mile or more South in the  
Scribble Road where are  
some fine houses & estates  
& the "Gables" Fall Elm here  
is a fine one.



NORFOLK INN NORFOLK, CONN.

Elm in yard of white house  
near RR station is 11 ft 8 in. high.

## Mental Misery of the World.

(From the Providence Journal.)

As the war goes on there is no lightening the gloom of the world. Unemotional men, whose temper or training has made them intensely practical, find it impossible to shake off the sadness of spirit which the great struggle has produced. Mankind is bewildered by the woe that has befallen it. It cannot retain its alacrity of mind and heart. And how fares it with us, who are not within the zone of battle?

Alike across the vision of the rich and the poor among us, the man who carries his dinner pail to work in the morning, the merchant at his desk, the woman in her home performing her household tasks, the traveler on the train, the sportsman, fishing rod or golf stick in hand, the driver on his wagon, the judge in his courtroom—comes that fearful picture of mangled bodies, and human beings gasping in the last struggle against death, the bravest and the best of Europe pouring out their life blood in the filthy trenches, their minds distorted by terror and the agony of wounds, cursing, sweating, fighting on, through disease and disillusionment, to the end of the journey.

And then comes another picture, and the tears blot out the blood. For, from tens of thousands of homes in that land of England whose beauty is like a benediction, from once happy France, from every corner of Germany where, a brief year ago, all her people lived in peace and contentment, from the vast expanse of Russia with her simple, hard-working peasantry, rises the cry of despair. It is the wall of misery from the wives and mothers and sisters, mourning for lives torn out of the joyous path of youth to rot like carrion under the open sky.

The physical horrors of war have not spread to us, but the heartaches and the wretchedness of spirit, the shame and the sin have crossed the ocean and have oppressed our people in every act of their daily lives.

And how many millions in the last few months have sought the one consolation that remains, a consolation as old as the ages—that cry to the Great Spirit in which man has ever found his last remaining solace in time of trouble! When the world's sorrow—working only death,

And the world's comfort—canstic to the wound,  
Make the wrong spirit loathe life's daily breath.

As fading music from a harp untuned;  
While yet it dare not from the discord flee,—  
It turns to thee, O God, it turns to thee!

July 2, 1915

Boake Merrill



1915

July 7.

To day with C. E. T. & walked with  
H. T. to the Junco nesting place  
at the Paint mine, via North  
St. & saw the remains of the  
abandoned old house, burned  
down in the big May fire  
which drove us out of the  
woods on that day.

At the Paint mine we found  
& saw several juncos an  
old pair & three or ~~four~~ perhaps  
four young. Strange to say  
not one of us had brought  
an opera glass but the  
good eyes of the Taxon identified  
the birds for a certainty: we  
came back to Boston by the  
4.04 train: day very warm in  
the sun & cool in the shade.

## our Auto Trip

G. G. K.; Mad. S. K. Rachel.  
 and Bertha Baldwin  
 from Blue Hill to

Sat July	10	Pomfret: Conn
Sunday	"	11 at Pomfret.
Monday	"	12 to Litchfield.
Tuesday	"	13 at "
Wednesday	"	14 to Sheffield Mass
		via Norfolk Conn
Thursday	"	15 to Greenfield.
Friday	"	16 Deerfield.
Sat	"	17 Greenfield to Walpole NH
Sunday	"	18 at Walpole & drove
		to Brattleboro & Newfane.
Monday	"	19 Walpole Inn to Groton
Tuesday	"	20 Groton to Blue Hill
		via Harvard to see Roland
		Dixon's new house & then
		home to lunch at 1.30

# Some Large trees -

at Litchfield Conn  
Whipping Post Elm on corner  
app. Hotel and near Court-  
House & Jail.

12 ft 6 in at 4 ft fr ground.  
will be a fine tree

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Sycamore tree  
11 ft 8 in 3 ft from ground  
and in very good condition

Tulip Tree 8 9 ft 11 in

Beecher Elm  
12 feet at 3 ft fr ground.

The above in Litchfield  
Conn.

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Elm at East Canaan Conn.  
 roadside of Kimball Farm  
 formerly Poor House Farm.  
 20 ft 1 1/2 inches at  
 four feet up.

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### Sheffield Mass

The Sheffield Elm begins  
 to look old  
 19 feet 4 in at four feet  
 for ground.

Hotel Elm

18 feet 4 in at 4 ft up.

Maple on Roadside  
 13 feet 10 inches.

"This last no doubt a  
 white maple but I  
 did not take notice."

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## Deerfield

"Little Brown House Elm on  
the Albany Road in  
Deerfield.  
17 feet 7 in at 5 ft up

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Greenfield  
Sycamore

17 feet 10 inches at  
Smallest part say 3 ft up.

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## West Summerston

Elm 17 feet 3 in at 3 ft up

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White Maple near the  
Bridge over West River  
and probably within the  
limits of the town of Brattleboro.

19 feet 5 inches at 4 ft up

July 17, 1915

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Elm in Westminster At  
roadside from Malpole  
to Bellows Falls, at the  
Elm wood farm;

19 feet 5 inches above the  
buttresses at say 5 ft up.

A beautiful Elm, a  
rival to the Newfane  
Elm now alas destroyed  
by the wind breaking it  
in two and the tree  
making more than 20  
cords of wood.

# **REVERE CIRCUS MAN BITTEN BY SNAKE**

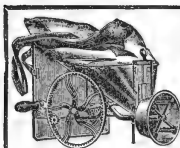
REVERE, Aug. 11. — "Daredevil" Charlie Sonier, 25 of 24 Orange st., Everett, is in a serious condition at the Frost Hospital, Chelsea, after being bitten by a copperhead snake at Revere Beach.

Sonier, who is well known in amusement circles as a parachute jumper from flying machines, has had charge of a dozen snakes at a "jumpy" circus at Revere.

He was placing a pan of water in the snake pit, when a large copperhead snapped at his hand, inflicting a severe wound. Sonier collapsed. Louis H. Skirball applied a tourniquet to the injured man's arm and he was rushed to the hospital, where the flesh about the wound was cut away and the wound cauterized.

At first, it was thought that he would not recover, but today physicians stated they do not believe that the poisonous venom has entered his system and this evening he returned to his home.

*12 Aug 1915  
Admission*



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tion much larger than the present. Professor H. E. Gregory at the joint geographical meeting in New York (April 9-10, 1915) has pointed out that the Hopis who built the cliff-dwellings are migratory and frequently abandon a village after having lived in it some years. Therefore, the numerous abandoned villages do not necessarily indicate a larger population and a climate more moist in the later prehistoric times.

#### THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

Dr. Wm. Schmidt, after many observations with his thunder-recorder, finds<sup>1</sup> that we hear but little of the air vibrations produced by lightning. Thunder is accompanied by irregular pressure changes lasting  $1/40$  of a second or more and some only  $1/75$  to  $1/120$  of a second. The periods of most of the longer pressure waves are  $1/10$  to  $1/3$  second—too long for ear perception. Much of the mechanical injury done where lightning strikes is probably due to these waves. From a distance one violent wave comes first, then follow perhaps two or three series of three to four heavy waves each. On account of atmospheric action on irregular waves the thunder becomes of more or less definite pitch. Dr. Schmidt has inferred that at the source the lightning energy may be five million times as great as that of the thunder it produces.

Insurance statistics from both Canada and the United States show the efficacy of lightning rods in keeping buildings from taking fire if they are struck.<sup>2</sup> In Ontario, taking equal numbers of rodded and unrodded farm buildings, twenty times as many of the latter as of the former were struck. In the United States in 1912 and 1913 two hundred insurance companies reported 1,845 buildings struck, of which but 67 were rodded. Considering that 31 per cent. of all buildings insured were rodded, the lightning rod efficiency is thus 93 per cent. Furthermore, the reports of five

companies for a period of 13 to 25 years on 18,000 buildings insured, over 50 per cent. being rodded, showed that the average damage of the struck buildings was \$10 for the rodded and \$2,200 for the unrodded.<sup>3</sup>

According to the best European data, the maximum period for thunderstorms is from 3 to 5 P.M., while the minimum falls just after midnight and from 7 to 8 A.M. The month of greatest frequency is June and those of least are December and January.<sup>4</sup>

Of the 4,520 fires reported on the national forests in 1913, 1,571, or about 35 per cent., were ascribed to lightning.

#### NOTES

AN unseasonal northeast snowstorm accompanying an intense tropical cyclone visited the Atlantic coast on April 2, 1915. Snow fell from Georgia northward, the heaviest about ten inches being recorded around Raleigh, N. C., at the head of Chesapeake Bay, and on the New England coast. The inland extent was generally less than 200 miles; in the north the railroads reported Utica, N. Y., Woodsville, Vt., and Kineo, Me., as the limits. Raleigh, N. C., seems to have suffered most, being without outside telegraphic communication for five days. In other districts traffic was hampered. The snow melted very rapidly and with little or no runoff, owing to the extremely dry conditions of the soil after an almost rainless March. Thus agriculturally this snowstorm was of great value.

ON May 1 the British Meteorological Office ceased issuing forecasts except to farmers. This was thought necessary because the forecasts might be of value to the Germans.

THE announcement for the 1915 international kite and balloon flights came from the Nicholas Central Observatory at Petrograd instead of from Strassburg as heretofore.

<sup>1</sup> See also J. Warren Smith, "Efficiency of Lightning Rods," *Ohio Naturalist*, Columbus, O., February, 1915, pp. 437-442.

<sup>2</sup> J. von Hann, "Neue Beiträge zur Kenntnis der täglichen Periode der Gewitter," *Meteorologische Zeitschrift*, February, 1915, pp. 73-82.

<sup>1</sup> *Monthly Weather Rev.*, December, 1914, pp. 665-671; *Scientific American Supplement*, March 13, 1915, p. 175.

<sup>2</sup> See *Scientific American*, November 28, 1914, p. 347, and April 3, 1915, p. 303.

Aug 27 (Friday) with C.E. 7 to Lexington  
 and with W. 7 by Electric  
 cars to the corner of old  
 Bedford Road in Concord;  
 thence walked to Thoreau's  
 Birth place on Virginia  
 Road. The house has  
 been moved abt one eighth  
 of a mile Easterly to another  
 farm: we were hospitably  
 received by the occupants  
 an Irish family & shown  
 the<sup>2</sup> westerly chambers, in  
 one of which Thoreau was  
 probably born. The old oaken  
 timbers are in each corner  
 and crossing the ceiling: the  
 house had a poverty stricken  
 squalid appearance. If  
 it were back again on its  
 own farm, tis a pity some  
 Society does not purchase  
 the relic. It is at least  
 two miles to the village &  
 in situation well suited to  
 the temperament of its  
 noted Nestling. Here Thoreau  
 was born July 12, 1817  
 and see Sanborns life of Thoreau

page 11 for "old Virginia Road  
and other localities.

We walked back to Concord  
and I after calling on Lulu  
joined them at the RR station  
for Lexington and thence home.

1915 Aug 28 Alex Will finished  
seeding the bank from  
Garden at Avenue to the  
Big Black Oak.

1915

Sept 1 Walker Faxon at Concord met  
C.E. F. & me at 9.50 & walked  
on the Sudbury road and at  
nine acre corner turned to  
the left crossing the River  
by the new 1912 Bridge: near-  
ly is the entrance to Mrs.  
Williams house with a  
fine rock precipice for a  
wall — most beautiful  
to look at and enjoy.  
Thence to Baker Bridge  
& sat down to our simple  
lunch — mine of three  
half slices of toasted bread  
not buttered, and melting  
slowly & steadily in the  
mouth, giving forth its good-  
bread odor agreeable to  
the palate. Thence to Walden  
Pond and Thorcaus cairn,  
& so to the village for a cup  
of good tea at the Urquhart  
Bakery and Eating house  
& so home by the 3.43 train  
via Lexington; and I for  
the 5.06 at South Station  
for Readville

Sept 7 to Thoreau's Birthplace again,  
 by same Electric cars from  
 Boston to Lexington & Bedford  
 Line & thence by Virginia Road.  
 At the Thoreau house we  
 were shown the South East  
 Chamber which Channing in  
 his book Thoreau the Poet  
 Naturalist calls "the eastern-  
 most of its upper chambers":  
 a large perhaps eighteen  
 feet square empty of furni-  
 ture and barren in the  
 extreme. So far as we  
 could judge only the main  
 building was moved when  
 the house was carried a  
 distance of some five hundred  
 yards or more from the old  
 site. I took along the  
 above Book of Channing's  
 & we tried to readjust the  
 sheds & clean to. In the  
 pasture near by on the North-  
 east side of the Road are two  
 Tupelo trees making a fine  
 show, as one only, well worth  
 looking at, as one tree,

thence by a beautiful wood swamp  
road which finally as  
Hartwell Road brought us  
to the Bedford Station &  
the Lex Electrics which  
latter we took to W F's  
house and fine cup of Tea  
& home by 4.03 Steam tram.

We found the day excessively  
hot, especially in certain  
spots almost unendurable.  
our walk registered  $5\frac{3}{4}$   
miles



